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PROCEEDING

(Proceedings continued outside presence 3 of jury.)

THE COURT: The record will show the presence of Mr. Ray, the attorneys.

I wanted to talk about two matters -scheduling and then also the three exhibits that were submitted right before the break, the long break -- exhibits 1018, 1019 and 1020. They're in redacted form. I have never spoken with the attorneys after the state has presented them in this fashion.

13 Mr. Kelly.

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14 MR. KELLY: May I approach?

15 THE COURT: Of course.

16 MR. KELLY: I just don't remember. These were 17 the exhibits that we submitted at your discretion 18 before the several-day break.

19 THE COURT: I guess they were at my 20 discretion. But I never heard from the attorneys.

21 Ms. Rybar brought them to me.

22 MR. KELLY: We were submitting them based on our prior oral arguments and leaving it to your 23 24 decision. Now I understand.

THE COURT: I'm sorry, Mr. Kelly. I didn't

mean to interrupt. But there has been some

information taken out. So I really need to know if

you have any objection to the form that they're in 3

now. I think what the state removed was any

reference to refund policy. I believe that's 5

removed and some other things. That's what I 6

7 noticed is no longer appearing.

MR. KELLY: Judge, again simply reinstate our prior argument, which was actually briefed. And I'm using 1019 as an example. On the first page it has a package, the Modern Magick package, with some dollar amounts. The investment is 17,000, et

12 13 cetera.

Our position was that that type of marketing information was irrelevant. We thought based on the pretrial ruling that that type of information was not going to be admitted, that the sole dollar amounts were the \$10,000 for the 2009 seminar.

There is some other -- Mr. Li is showing me Kirby Brown and Virginia Brown's receipt for what she paid. The 9,596 would be consistent with what we understood your ruling to be. Urban shaman, sacred energy exchange, with dollar amounts. That was the basis of our objection. I

believe that was briefed in writing.

And our position before the break was we 2 were going to submit it on those arguments, Judge. 3

4 THE COURT: Well, there is a new form of 5 exhibit now, Ms. Polk?

MS. POLK: Your Honor, the state has redacted 6 everything the Court ruled would not be admissible. 7

The Court said what was paid for other events is 8

admissible. And we've done our best to put these 9 exhibits in a form that would be acceptable to the 10

11 Court.

12 Counsel has stipulated to the authenticity of the signatures. And we've raised 13 the foundation otherwise. And I would submit they 14 15 are admissible.

THE COURT: Okay. What I have indicated would 16 be admissible would be amounts paid for JRI events. 17

18 There is additional information on there. So the

19 defense will need to provide what they believe.

I'll need to have a comparison. Because that's 20

what's admissible is what was paid for various 21

events by these people. 22

23 And there is information beyond that apparently. I want to know what the defense -- I 24 25

don't want to just have an abstract discussion

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about what might go beyond my ruling. And the 1 ruling was expanded somewhat at trial. 2

Originally it was going to be the cost. 3

What I dealt with at the time when the issue was

raised months ago was the cost of the actual 5

6 Spiritual Warrior seminar. And I indicated that

there would also be the amounts that were paid for 7

8 other JRI events.

So, Mr. Kelly, I need to have a form, and 9 10 then we can talk about it in concrete terms.

MR. KELLY: Judge, what we're doing is asking 11 for a copy. We'll identify those portions of the 12 exhibits on the copy we'd ask be further redacted. 13

14 MS. POLK: Your Honor, we've already provided 15 a copy of what we've redacted. We provided to counsel a copy of what the Court has seen. 16

THE COURT: And, Mr. Kelly, you have the originals now that can be copied as well. Just make sure --

20 MR. KELLY: I thought what you were asking us 21 to do was redact the language we found 22 objectionable.

THE COURT: Right. That's what I'd like. And 23 obviously not on the ones that are marked that you 24 have been given here. So --25

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And the other thing I wanted to talk about was scheduling. And really thinking about it and listening to the day of testimony yesterday, it's really getting to a point where there is cumulative testimony. And I would expect these other witnesses would move along fairly rapidly.

7 That's my observation, Ms. Polk,

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MS. POLK: Your Honor, I agree that the remaining witnesses will move along. Each remaining witness that we've identified has something in addition to add. And I don't intend to spend time going over the previous events.

14 The state -- one more matter. The state 15 does intend, if the Court permits, to recall Fawn Foster. As the Court will recall, she was subject 16 to recall subject to the -- her testimony about 17 participating in a sweat lodge ceremony in that 18 19 same structure.

Fawn participated in a ceremony in October 2008 less than a month after the September Spiritual Warrior 2008 event. And this continues to be very relevant to the issue of causation.

24 What the Court had ruled before was until 25 the state had established that the sweat lodge was

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the same or, essentially, the same and until we had made that medical link that Fawn Foster would not be permitted to testify.

We clearly have made the medical link, the expert testimony that the Court was looking for. And we clearly have established that the sweat lodge that was used in October of 2008 is, essentially, the same as the one used in September of 2008.

And this is directly relevant to the issue of causation. Specifically, the pit is in the same place. We've heard testimony that that pit, once it was dug, that's where it stayed.

The kiva that's used in 2008 is the same kıva that was used in 2009. It was built in 2008, and it remained in that same place through the ceremonies in 2008 and 2009.

And so the position of the pit inside the structure is identical because the kiva is planted in the ground and the pit, of course, is planted in the ground. Those two are identical.

The coverings. The testimony has been that the coverings are, essentially, the same. They're not put on in the same order every time.

25 But the same coverings are used. And if a blanket

is damaged, rewould be removed. Or if a tarp is 1

damaged, perhaps a new tarp might be brought in. There is no testimony indicating what

3 happened from September to October 2008, but, I 4

think, reasonable minds can infer that, 5

essentially, the same coverings are used between 6

7 the two events.

8 The issue of air circulation, then. The defense has raised that as an issue. And what the 9 evidence has shown is that the air circulation 10 inside that structure is going to be similar 11

because it's the same structure, it's the same 12

kiva, it's the same coverings, it's the same one 13

opening, and it's the same location of the pit. 14

The defense has now raised the possibility that it was the dirt that participants were lying on, making Fawn Foster's testimony even -- to the issue of causation even more

19 relevant.

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This is the same dirt separated by less 20 21 than a month in time that was used for Mr. Ray's 2008 events and then a month later when 22 Fawn Foster participates in another ceremony. 23

24 Fawn Foster's testimony will be very 25

brief, simply talking about her participation in

September 2008 in a sweat lodge ceremony and, 1

again, to the issue of causation -- the pit, the 2

kiva, exactly the same; the coverings, essentially, 3

the same. And the issues of the dirt, issues of

air circulation, whatever other issues are relevant 5

to the issue of causation, which, again, is the

issue raised, all become very important through the 7

testimony of Fawn Foster. Her testimony will be 8

very brief, Your Honor. 9

The state would -- I haven't heard from 10 Mr. Kelly how long he believes he would be 11 12 cross-examining Mark Rock today. But if he finishes in time, then the state would intend to 13

bring Fawn Foster this afternoon if she's 14

available. 15

THE COURT: What I recalled from Fawn Foster 16 17 and the issue with her had to do with her being in a sweat lodge herself. That's what I recall. And 18 she had some confusion about the dates when she was 19 20 in it. That's what I recall as being the reason possibly to recall.

21 And I didn't quite catch that, Ms. Polk. 22 23 From what you were indicating, you were talking about the 2008 JRI event. 24 25

MS. POLK: Your Honor, I'm talking about Fawn

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Foster's participation in another-weat lodge 1

2 ceremony a month later. What I recall at the time

was Mr. Kelly objecting to her testimony because --

arguing that we couldn't establish that it was,

essentially, the same sweat lodge structure that

Mr. Ray was using. And it was subject to that

7 showing that the Court allowed us to not have her

testify at the time but subject to that showing 8

9 that we could recall her.

10 THE COURT: What I wanted to clear up is it 11 wouldn't be your intention to go through 2008, 12 October 2008, whenever -- whenever the Spiritual 13 Warrior 2008 occurred. That's not what you want to do. Okay. 14

15 MS. POLK: Correct.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Kelly or Mr. Li.

17 MR. KELLY: Judge, this is simply wrong. I don't know how else to state it. If I understand 18 the government's position, they're going to bring a 19 20 lay witness who said I had another experience in a 21 sweat lodge that apparently the same coverings, 22 wood and location of the rock pit. That same lay

And then they're going to make some type of comparison as to causation of death in 2009?

witness was never inside of the 2009 sweat lodge.

That's what I understand the proffer to be.

THE COURT: It's back to that whole issue of

is there validity to what I call the "common-sense 3

analysis." I understand you may disagree with it. 4

The argument from the state's view, a common-sense 5

analysis of you have, basically, the same 6

structure, the same kiva. The pit is in the same 7

place. You have substantial similarity between 8

9 materials, and no one is -- just simplify the

10 argument. No one is poisoned. Is that a valid

proposition? And that's what we talked about a 11

12 lot.

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13 MR. KELLY: I would state, Judge, in the most

14 basic analysis, most simple analysis, if Fawn

15 Foster becomes the human thermometer to make those

16 assessments and her physiological response to the

17 two different environments, then would it not be

18 necessary that she be a participant in 2009? So

what she's going to do is provide an opinion, oh. 19

throughout a several-year time period.

20 I was in a sweat lodge in '08.

> Now, I'm not conceding in any respect that there are numerous variables that could affect the well being of participants throughout the course of the use of this entire sweat lodge

ase what is unknown is the

application of pesticides, as an example, between

3 the date that Fawn Foster participated in her 2008

4 sweat lodge and the 2009.

But ignoring all of those other

arguments, how does that relate to causation that 6

7 if you have a participant in another sweat lodge

who is not a participant in the sweat lodge where 8

the indictment has been alleged? I can't see that. 9

What we have is just simply Fawn Foster, 10

who we've identified through cross-examination, 11

motive and bias in regards to her testimony, her 12

dislike for James Ray International and James Ray. 13

She's the one that said, I don't believe that 14

15 anyone should profit from a sweat lodge.

So we have one witness who is outside of 2009 who is going to take the witness stand as a 17 layperson and make the comparison purportedly to 19 establish causation.

And the causation is heat stroke. And, again, this continuum of heat stroke is a physiological response to an environmental stress dependent upon the individual and not a response of multitude of different sweat lodge's over a period

25 of time. You have to assess the individual if

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you're going to use prior experiences. 1

2 So, again, Judge, I believe this is just absolutely improper. Finally, what I would add is 3

it's news to us. We come here this morning. We

established what they thought the remaining 5

witnesses in this trial were, and this was sprung 6

7 on us.

And it begs the question from a simple 8

due-process standpoint, could we as a defense team 9

allow Fawn Foster to offer this evidence without 10

additional investigation and inquiry on our part as 11

to the credibility of her testimony, as to whether 12

other participants in her sweat lodge event would 13

draw the same conclusions, before we can adequately

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15 represent Mr. Ray? That's a basic defense

16 preparation requirement.

And it's not been disclosed. We had no 17 idea that Fawn Foster was going to take the stand 18 and testify at this late date in this trial about a 19 completely different sweat lodge. 20

And, again, Judge, I just add on this myriad of other variables in terms of personal knowledge. She has no personal knowledge as to the application of pesticides, herbicides, whether the

dirt is changed. She didn't build the sweat lodge.

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There is just a multitude of factors that she has 1 2 no personal knowledge upon which she could draw a 3 conclusion regarding causation.

I would submit, Judge, it's highly improper. And if the Court is going to allow Ms. Foster to testify, then we need some time as a defense team to consult and make decisions. We also need disclosure as to the time date, participants in the other sweat lodge.

THE COURT: Mr. Kelly, this was discussed before, I believe. I had concerns. And it's just not a clear issue. I had concerns about the logic, the legal logic, of this common-sense argument, if it doesn't cross over into something that's really within the purview of expert expertise.

MR. KELLY: And, Judge --

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THE COURT: I'm just saying it's not a surprise. That's what I'm saying, in my view. I don't think that's the issue. Because we had -either here or at the bench or at a break, we talked at some length about is there -- at some 21 22 point is there enough expert testimony? Is there adequate expert testimony to make these lay 23 24 observations relevant? Do you need to have expert 25 testimony, or can you look at comparisons at

what -- here's, essentially, the same materials and structure used. And something happens that's arguably on the continuum of heat illness if it's a JRI event and not happening when there are other events.

I at one point said in the record -- I used the term "identical." I think it was at the bench here. There are very few things that are identical. And that probably would be a higher standard than would be required. But I said that. And Ms. Polk raised her argument now in terms of substantial or similarity or something like that.

But, Mr. Kelly.

MR. KELLY: Judge, again, forgive me. Here's what I recall the history of prior sweat lodges from JRI to be: The state asserted admissibility under 404, which was denied by the Court. They then asserted admissibility under a theory that the lesser included of negligent homicide. And they were referring to the final sentence of your ruling related to 404(b) where you said it may be admissible in that regard.

23 That was briefed. They lost that. You mentioned from the bench perhaps causation. So for 24 the last two months or so, the state has now

asserted that enese other events are admissible 1 under a theory of causation.

3 Now, remind the Court that Dr. Mosley said it would be dangerous -- those are were his 4 words -- to make comparison of earlier events. 5

THE COURT: He said that in an interview. 6

7 MR. KELLY: Correct. And I believe -- he didn't say it on the witness stand because that 8 door wasn't opened. But he did say that. And we 9 can avow to the Court that transcript that the 10 Court has is true. The reason that's relevant is 11 we have an expert who says it's dangerous to go 12 13 down this path.

Now, when it comes to Fawn Foster and 14 15 completely separate sweat lodge events, what I recall the Court saying is -- and I believe it was 16 one of my witnesses -- admonishing Ms. Polk and 17 saying how could a comparison to a nonJRI event be 18 19 relevant in this case?

So in regards to notice that we had, we didn't have any notice of this before the beginning of the jury trial. The notice that we had was that they were going to try to admit prior JRI events under 404, then during trial under a lesser included offense theory, and then about midway

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through trial through a causation theory.

And then now today we hear of a 2 completely separate nonJRI event. And what I 3 recall, Judge -- and, of course, the record speaks 4

for itself -- it was at a sidebar where you posed 5

the question to Ms. Polk. And it may have been 6

7 Ms. Foster's testimony. How could a nonJRI event,

how could a comparison have any relevance to any 8

issue relating to manslaughter in October of '09? 9

So that's what I recall the sequence. 10 And when I talk about the ability to represent 11

Mr. Ray, we are surprised by this information. And 12

in order to provide an adequate defense, we would 13

need to know the other participants in the nonJRI 14

15 event so that we can interview those people to

assess the credibility of Ms. Foster's testimony 16

versus just putting her on the stand and letting 17

her talk about what she wants to talk about. It's 18 19 a problem.

THE COURT: I really don't like to interrupt. But sometimes I hear something in an argument, and I'm thinking about that, and I have to listen to

the rest. Quite early on in your last argument, 23

Mr. Kelly, you said something about the Court 24 suggesting causation. I don't think I suggested 25

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- 1 causation at all. I recall Ms. Pork after the
- 2 first part of Mr. Li's opening coming in -- and
- 3 remember Mr. Li's open was split between two days.
- It resumed the following morning. Ms. Polk raised
- 5 the argument of causation. That's my recollection.
- And, Mr. Kelly, I didn't suggest causation.
- Ms. Polk suggested causation, and I found that to 7
- be an appropriate argument.
- 9 MR. KELLY: I'm not trying to mislead the
- Court. So my recollection is different. And I 10
- 11 apologize if it was wrong.
- 12 THE COURT: Mr. Li, I don't think I suggested
- 13 causation.
- 14 MR. LI: I just don't recall.
- 15 THE COURT: That's important to me. Please,
- 16 Mr. Li. I want to clear that up.
- 17 Ms. Polk, didn't you raise causation?
- 18 MS. POLK: I did, Your Honor. And it was
- 19 after Mr. Li in his opening talked about
- 20 organophosphates and other possible -- excuse me --
- 21 causes of death. Then I came in the next day and
- 22 made my argument to the Court. I agree with your
- 23 recollection.

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- 24 THE COURT: Okay.
- MR. LI: I'm not here to argue about that. We 25

actually have the transcript. We can look at it

and tell The Court what we recall. I do recall

the veracity of what she says. 1

All of those sort of things.

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- witnesses who was interviewed, who was the general Ms. Polk bringing the issue of causation up, and I 3
- just don't recall whether the Court had mentioned
- it or whether Ms. Polk had mentioned it first. 5

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- So -- you know -- I don't purport to
- make -- and I'm not sure that that matters for
- purposes of this particular decision. 8
- 9 I think the real issue here is there are
- 10 a myriad of factors that could be different between
- when Fawn Foster experienced the sweat lodge and 11
- 12 what we thought was May 2009, according to some of
- 13 the testimony and according to what we understood
- 14 the state was alleging.
- 15 We now hear it's October 2008 when the
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- 2009. And we've established it through Ted Mercer 18
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- 20 land, whether anything was done to the tarps.
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- 22 point of the possibility that an insecticide was
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- sweat lodge took place. We have no idea what
- happened between October 8, 2008, and October 8,
- repeatedly that he has no idea who was treating the
  - And our theory isn't that -- the whole
- applied is not that there is some inherent problem
- with the tarps themselves at any given moment. 24
  - It's that somebody may have applied something to

- And just by way of example, one of the

them. And that is obviously defined by some

testify about her particular experiences in an

with different numbers of rounds, all of those

unrelated sweat lodge with an unrelated facilitator

sorts of things, seems to be me a very far stretch.

about the notice issue is simply this: There might

be somebody out there who participated in the same

sweat lodge as Fawn Foster who would come in here

and say that was the most miserable experience in

my life, give the sort of nonmedical diagnosis as

we've heard from some other witnesses -- that I

threw up. I felt nauseated. I had a headache.

testify to that. We just don't know. We don't

have a list of the participants in Fawn Foster's

Your Honor, is that it's a very, very attenuated logical leap to say that her testimony is relevant

to the causation in 2009 at the Spiritual Warrior

seminar. And we simply don't have a way of testing

particular -- whatever she wants to testify about.

And the point we're making here,

And so the idea that Ms. Foster can

And the only point Mr. Kelly is making

There might be some witness who would

particular time frame.

- 4 manager at Angel Valley, a guy named Gary Palish,
- the Court has heard of, has told the state that
- other people have thrown up at other events, that
- he himself has thrown up at other events, nonJRI 7
- events. 8
- 9 THE COURT: I understand.
- MR. LI: And so -- you know -- the idea that 10
- she can get up there and almost as a lay witness 11
- suggest there is some standard -- you know --12
- standard of care for sweat lodge conduct under the 13
- quise of some sort of causation argument is highly 14
- problematic. And I'm sorry, Your Honor. I don't 15
- 16 mean to --
  - THE COURT: We've been through this so much.
- This isn't a new argument today from either side. 18
- MR. LI: Understood, Your Honor. But we show 19
- up this morning having heard from the state 20
- vesterday that the witnesses are as outlined by 21
- Mr. Kelly, yesterday on the record in front of the 22
- Court, and the state saying yes. That is what the 23
- 24 situation is.
  - And then this morning we're told at

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9:00 o'clock that they intend to call Fawn Foster. 1

This strikes us very much like the afternoon before

the break where all of a sudden Ms. Brown was going

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And it makes the our ability to present -- it makes our ability to present the defense difficult because it's a constant -- you know -- adjustment to last-minute decisions on the part of the state.

We asked yesterday on the record whether there was anyone else. I think the Court asked Ms. Polk is that correct as to the list of witnesses that Mr. Kelly laid out? And Ms. Polk said, yes.

And that's the problem, that we're dealing with things at 9:15, 9:25, with the jury waiting, arguing issues that have been argued before that we could have dealt with in a more orderly fashion.

THE COURT: This gets back to the question of pattern. And the defense is always raising objection whenever that word has come up --"pattern." There is two ways that word can be looked at.

And I think sometimes, Mr. Hughes and

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Ms. Polk, the state has argued pattern and manner that suggests propensity. And in that sense that's a problem.

There is another sense where it's just a fact that things happen here, not there. And it can be looked at as mechanical, physical, medical, in some aspects scientific causation and it doesn't relate to pattern in terms of a character trait that's repeated or manifested repeatedly.

I'm not going to permit in the state's case in chief Fawn Foster's testimony because it's cumulative. Based on that pattern discussion I just had, it's just absolutely cumulative to the testimony that's already been presented.

If there is any separation in time; if it's a month between the two sweat llodges, the JRI versus the nonJRI; if it's four months; if there is an application of something to the coverings, then what does that mean?

Ms. Polk, obviously you felt you should have been able to reply, so go ahead. To me it just seems cumulative to what's been admitted. There has been repeated testimony about contrast. Mr. Kelly was cross-examining Ms. Foster. I think 25 it was Ms. Foster just indicated there might be

different views of what's to be accomplished here, 1

something like that. I think it was Ms. Foster

that that came out. That testimony has been out

here, and it's nothing but repeating it, in my 4 view, Ms. Polk. 5

MS. POLK: Your Honor, first of all, much of 6 those arguments go to weight, not admissibility. 7 The issue that perhaps something was applied to the

surface between Fawn Foster's experience in 2009 9

would go weight, not admissibility. 10

But, secondly, I don't see it as 11 cumulative. We haven't had anybody from the 12 October 2008 event that Fawn Foster participated in 13 testify. To me it's directly on point, directly 14 relevant on this issue of causation. Because the 15 16 defense now, yesterday again, through the cross-examination of Brandy Rainey, started asking 17 her about the defective sweat lodge construction 18 and the lack of air circulation and suggesting that 19 it was the sweat lodge itself that somehow caused 20 the deaths. They continue to raise this issue. 21

This is a witness who was in that same 22 structure, same kiva, same pit location, same issue 23 24 of air circulation, single door, similar coverings, 25

one month after Mr. Ray's 2008 event where people

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got sick. And she will talk about her experience. 1

Nobody has talked about what happened in 2 the October 2008 sweat lodge ceremony less than a 3

month after Mr. Ray's event where people get sick. 4

We haven't had a single witness talk about what 5

happened in 2008 from the inside. 6

The Mercers were allowed to testify that 7 for all of the ceremonies that they were on the 8 9 property for in 2007 through 2009, the only time there were issues were with Mr. Ray's events. 10

But this is a witness who will talk about 11 what happened less than a month after what Mr. Rock 12 just talked about. So it's not cumulative. We 13 haven't had any other witness who was inside that 14 same structure on a different event, at a nonJRI 15 event, testify. She's a unique witness who has 16 17 information to talk about causation.

That is an issue in this trial. And it 18 makes more relevant than not that it is the way 19 Mr. Ray conducts his ceremonies that causes the 20 21 death. And that's an issue. That is a fact that is an issue in this trial. 22

THE COURT: Ms. Polk, as I recall, Ms. Foster originally couldn't even remember what year it was. So, for example, you're saying now what month was

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MS. POLK: This is October 2008. And she does -- she will -- Your Honor, as you will recall, she at first couldn't remember and then did remember that it was the fall of 2008. And at that point we were cut off.

THE COURT: I don't remember that at all. I remember it still being very much up in the air. When this actually happened, she wasn't sure.

It is cumulative in this sense: She's already testified about all these other sweat 11 12 lodges she's observed and never seeing any kind of 13 an issue. And now just wants to be with regard to 14 her own experience in the sweat lodge --

15 How many people were in the sweat lodge, 16 Ms. Polk?

17 MS. POLK: I can find it for the Court. Your Honor, there is an exhibit, Exhibit 838. It 18 is the history of the sweat lodges at Angel Valley. 19 20 That was disclosed. It's marked as an exhibit. 21 And if you will give me a moment, I can answer that

22 question for you. 23 THE COURT: Tom Kelly and Luis Li are

MS. POLK: It is, Your Honor. But, again, 25

indicating, Sheila Polk, that it's 10:00.

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that's the sort of information that goes to the

weight, not its admissibility. I don't see it as 2

3 cumulative, Your Honor, and I do see it as

4 relevant. It will assist the trier of fact, the

jury, in determining an issue -- a fact that's at 5

issue in this trial. And that's the issue of 6

than Mr. Ray is running the ceremony.

structure without people getting sick.

7 causation.

8 To continue to argue, as the defense has, 9 that it is something other than heat, that it's the 10 dirt that people were lying on, that it's the lack of air circulation, it's the off-center pit, 11 12 clearly what's relevant, then, is what happens within that same sweat lodge when somebody other 13

It helps the jury determine. It makes it more possible, more relevant, more likely than not, that it's Mr. Ray's conduct as opposed to pesticides, or whatever the theory is that the defense would be arguing, to hear that people conduct sweat lodge ceremonies in that same

And this one is particularly relevant because it comes less than a month after the September 2008 Spiritual Warrior event. So less than a month later there is a ceremony. And, as

Ms. Foster was testify to, nobody gets sick. 1

THE COURT: How many rounds?

MS. POLK: Your Honor. I believe she'll say 3

it's four. But, again, those are questions that go 4

to the weight, not to its admissibility. Those

would all be appropriate topics for

7 cross-examination, trying to point out the

8 differences.

To me it is relevant the number of 9 rounds, the number of people. That goes to 10 Mr. Ray's conduct. It's not just heat. It's how 11 he conducts that sweat lodge ceremony that causes 12 people to die. It's the number of people that he 13 puts in there. It's the amount of rocks that he 14

brings in. It's the amount of water, the amount of 15

steam that he creates. It's the length. It's the 16

number of rocks. It's the exposure. How -- the 17

length of time that Mr. Ray exposes his 18

participants to that heat, that's what causes the 19 20 deaths.

And that's where it's relevant for the 21 jury to hear other people safely conduct sweat 22 23 lodge ceremonies in that same sweat lodge without

incident. And the reason will be the conduct. 24

25 Because other people conduct a ceremony with fewer

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people, fewer rocks, much less steam, and much less 2 duration. Those are the comparisons that the jury

as the finder of fact, then, will draw in 3

determining, well, what caused the death? 4

And ultimately what the state is arguing 5

is it's Mr. Ray's conduct that causes the death. 6

It's his conduct in exposing his participants to 7

heat, steam, and duration that causes people to 8 9 die.

THE COURT: We're just going over the same 10 arguments. And I'm not going to take any more jury 11 12 time on this.

Ms. Polk, you replied. And when I hear 13 that, I'm thinking -- you say this is all a matter 14 of common sense. You have 10 people versus 15 50-some. What's the difference in the temperature? 16 You're saying that's all a matter of weight. And 17

what you already have is testimony that repeated 18 observations of what happens between the two groups 19

20 of sweat lodge participants.

MS. POLK: Again, Your Honor, the issues that 21 would go to weight. That would be an area for the 22 defense to cross-examine to try to suggest well --23 actually, to me it's relevant. I would go there 24 that -- because it's the conduct. It clearly is 25

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1 the conduct.

2 And those contrast, then, how you can

3 safely conduct a sweat lodge ceremony in that same

- 4 structure versus the extreme nature of Mr. Ray's
- 5 that causes people to die.

6 THE COURT: Ms. Polk, what you're saying is

- 7 that it's possible to conduct a sweat lodge where
- 8 these things don't happen. There is just -- for
- 9 whatever reason. That's what you're saying.
- 10 You're going to have somebody up here, another
- 11 witness, that goes through this personal experience
- 12 in another year to, basically, talk about what's
- 13 already been presented extensively in court.
- MS. POLK: Again, we've had nobody from inside
- 15 that structure on another occasion testify. So it
- 16 is unique. And, again, the issue is not that it's
- 17 possible. The issue is that the defense is saying
- 18 somehow it's the tarps, it's organophosphates, it's
- 19 something that was in the ground.
- 20 And here is somebody who was inside on
- 21 that ground in the sweat lodge. And she will talk
- 22 about the fact that she didn't get sick and other
- 23 people don't get sick. To me it's extremely
- 24 relevant to this issue of causation.
  - THE COURT: I think it puts another person in

- 1 to the witness stand and is under oath, of course.
  - Ms. Polk.
  - MS. POLK: Thank you.
- 4 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)
- 5 BY MS. POLK:
  - **Q.** Good morning, Mr. Rock.
- 7 A. Good morning.
  - Q. I'm going to show you some photographs.
- 9 And I just want you to look at them, first of all,
- 10 and let me know if you recognize them. 1064?
- 11 A. Yes, I do.
- **12 Q.** 1067?
- 13 A. Yes, I do.
- **14 Q.** 1059?
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. And 1060. Do you recognize those four
- 17 photographs that I've just shown you?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And what do you recognize them to be?
- 20 Without tell me who's in them, what do you
- 21 recognize them to be?
- 22 A. Those are photographs inside the Crystal
- 23 Hall at Angel Valley.
- **Q.** From the 2009 event?
  - A. From the 2009 event as to who the people

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- 1 the stand to, basically, repeat what's uncontested.
- 2 Nobody even in 2007, 2008, in the Spiritual Warrior
- 3 events had direct medical care, at least as far the
- 4 evidence goes, that's admissible in this trial.
- 5 And -- I just see it as very, very repetitive.
- 6 But --

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- 7 MS. POLK: I would like to address the Court's
- 8 concern that other people didn't get medical care.
- 9 The reason people didn't get medical care is
- 10 because Mr. Ray doesn't call 9-1-1. The Court has
- 11 not allowed the -- what happened in 2005 to come in
- 12 when 9-1-1 was called.
- 13 But to me it's circular to say that
- 14 because 9-1-1 wasn't called that somehow that's
- 15 relevant to whether or not testimony comes in when
- 16 the person in charge of the event is not calling
- **17** 9-1-1.
- 18 THE COURT: Okay. Ms. Foster is not going to
- 19 testify today, in any event. We've really gone
- 20 over this. We need to start the trial.
- 21 (Proceedings continued in the presence of
- **22** jury.)
- 23 THE COURT: The record will reflect the
- 24 presence of the defendant, Mr. Ray the attorneys
- 25 and the jury. The witness, Mr. Rock, has returned

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- 1 are in these photos.
  - MS. POLK: Your Honor, I move for the
- 3 admission of the following exhibits: 1067, 1059,
- **4** 1064 and 1060.
- 5 MR. KELLY: Judge, I need to see a copy of the
- 6 proffered exhibits.
- 7 Judge, may I voir dire the witness?
- **8** THE COURT: Okay.
- 9 VOIR DIRE EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. KELLY:
- 11 Q. Mr. Rock, I'm handing you these four
- 12 photographs back. And let's start with the one on
- 13 the top.
- 14 Were you present when that photographs
- 15 was taken?

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- A. Was I present when that was taken?
- 17 Q. Yes, sir.
- 18 A. I assume I was.
- 19 Q. So you don't know for sure if you were
- 20 present?
- 21 A. No. I don't know for sure.
- **Q.** And do you know what day of the week
- 23 during this Spiritual Warrior seminar in 2009 that
- 24 it was taken?
  - A. I know that it was probably after

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| 2  | immediate   | ely who is in that photograph. And he      |
| 3  | did later i | n the week.                                |
| 4  | Q.          | So after Tuesday of the week of            |
| 5  | October 8,  | 2009; correct?                             |
| 6  | A.          | Right.                                     |
| 7  | Q.          | And let's take a look at what's the        |
| 8  | next one o  | n your stack? Going to be the same         |
| 9  | questions.  | Exhibit                                    |
| 10 | A.          | It's myself and Christine Jobe.            |
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- 11 Q. 1064. The same question. Do you know
- 12 the day of the week that that photograph was taken?
- 13 A. What day of the week? No.
- 14 Q. Yes, sir. You're certain that it was
- 15 during the Spiritual Warrior event of 2009;
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Absolutely. Because that's the Crystal
- 18 Hall.
- 19 Q. And so 1059. Same question. Do you know
- 20 the day of the week that that photograph was taken?
- 21 A. No. I don't know what day of the week.
- 22 Q. Let's take a look at the last one,
- 23 Mr. Rock. So 1060. Do you know the day of week it
- 24 was taken?
- 25 A. No. I don't know the day of the week on

- 1 that one either.
- 2 MR. KELLY: Judge, I have no objection to 1064
- 3 and 1067. I would object based on lack of
- 4 foundation as to 1059 and 1060.
- 5 THE COURT: At this time -- can I see the
- 6 photographs, please?
- 7 MR. KELLY: Mr. Rock has them.
- 8 THE COURT: Objection is overruled. 1059,
- 9 -60, -61 and -67 are admitted.
- **10** (Exhibits 1059-1061 and 1067 admitted.)
- 11 THE COURT: Ms. Polk, if I could hand them to
- **12** you.
- 13 MS. POLK: Thank you.
- 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION (Continued)
- 15 BY MS. POLK:
- 16 Q. Mr. Rock, what I'd like to do is publish
- 17 these photographs to the jury and have you tell the
- 18 jury whether you recognize the individuals in the
- 19 photographs.
- 20 A. Okay.
  - Q. And I just put on the overhead
- 22 Exhibit 1067.

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- 23 Do you recognize the individuals in this
- 24 photograph?
- 25 A. That's Marta Reis and that's Michael

1 Barber.

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- 2 Q. And will you tell the jury what Marta
- Reis's role at Spiritual Warrior 2009 was.
- 4 A. She was part of the music. She
  - coordinated the music along with Michael Barber.
    - Q. And Michael Barber, then, did what?
- 7 A. Well, he was, like, an engineer for the
- 8 music. He helped with the music. That was all his
- 9 equipment because -- or rented equipment because I
- 10 helped him unload it from his van.
  - Q. Do you know whether he recorded much of
- 12 what happened during the week?
- 13 A. I had no idea whether they were recording
- 14 or not other than a statement that James Ray made
- 15 about Adolf Hitler and --
- MR. KELLY: Your Honor, objection. Ask the
- 17 response be stricken from the record.
- 18 THE COURT: Sustained. And it's granted.
- 19 Stricken.
- 20 Q. BY MS. POLK: Mr. Rock, I'm going to put
- 21 up on the overhead Exhibit 1064 and ask you if you
- 22 recognize the people in this photograph?
- 23 A. That's myself, of course, and Christine
- 24 Jobe.

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- Q. And you both have blue T-shirts on?
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- A. That's correct.
  - Q. What does that indicate?
- 3 A. As it states, we're Dream Team members
- 4 that are assisting -- volunteers.
  - Q. I'm going to put up on the overhead
- 6 Exhibit 1059 and ask if you recognize individuals
- 7 in this photograph?
  - A. That's Barb Waters and that is Melinda
- 9 Martin, who worked for James Ray.
- 10 Q. Melinda did?
- 11 A. Yes, she did.
- 12 Q. What, then, was Barb Waters's role?
- 13 A. Barb Waters was a Dream Team member like
- 14 myself.
- 15 Q. I just want to cover the other Dream Team
- 16 members in the photographs, if we have them. I
- 17 want to put up 1045. I believe we looked at it
- 18 yesterday.
  - A. Yes
- **20** Q. Do you see more Dream Team members in
- 21 this photograph?
- 22 A. Yes. I see Barb Waters, Christine
- 23 Jobe -- Barb Waters, Christine Jobe, Jennifer
- 24 Haley. I believe that's Aaron Bennett.
  - Q. And we looked at a photograph yesterday.

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- 1 And let me ask you first. Aaron sennett. Was he a
  2 Dream Team member?
- 3 A. Yes.
- **Q.** We looked at 1056, which is a photograph with Liz Neuman?
- 6 A. Yes.
- **Q.** She was another Dream Team member.
- I want to put up on the overhead 1058.
- **9** We looked at this photograph yesterday.
- 10 Would you just remind us who is in this photograph.
- 11 A. Well, that's Megan Fredrickson. And I 12 believe that to be Christine Jobe.
- 13 Q. And then I'm going to put up 1060 and ask
- 14 you if you recognize any other staff in this
- 15 photograph?
- 16 A. Staff is Josh Fredrickson right there.
- 17 And then I don't know if she was staff, but that's
- 18 Marta Reis way in the back.
- **Q.** Are you able, Mr. Rock, looking at these
- 20 photographs, to tell us what activity was going on
- 21 when these photographs were taken?
- 22 A. Which activity? I don't know which
- 23 activity it was that was going on. That was a
- 24 common scene.

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- **Q.** What was a common scene?
  - A. To see people hug each other after
  - something, some particular event or some type of -some part of the program.
- 4 MR. KELLY: Judge, I've been handed a stack of
- **5** exhibits or photographs we received this morning.
- 6 I don't have the corresponding numbers marked.
- 7 They've been marked by the clerk.
  - My objection would be they're cumulative.
- 9 May I approach, Judge?
- 10 THE COURT: Yes.
- 11 MR. KELLY: I'll leave it to the Court's
- 12 discretion regarding admissibility.
- 13 THE COURT: It's ordered admitting exhibits
- **14** 1061, 1062, 1063, 1065, 1066, and 1048.
- **15** (Exhibits 1062, 1063, 1065, 1066 and 1048
- 16 admitted.)
- 17 Q. BY MS. POLK: Mr. Rock, I'm going to put
- 18 up on the overhead 1048 and ask if you know who
- 19 this individual is?
- 20 A. I believe that to be Taylor, James's
- 21 personal assistant.
- 22 Q. Do you recall her last name?
- 23 A. Her last name? No.
- 24 Q. Does Butler sound familiar? Taylor
- 25 Butler?

- MR. KEL Objection. Leading.
- 2 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 3 You may answer that.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I couldn't be 100 percent on the
  - last name.
- **Q.** BY MS. POLK: But you're sure that's
- 7 Taylor?
  - A. I'm sure that's Taylor. Yes.
- 9 Q. And then I'm going to put up on the
- 10 overhead Exhibit 1065.
  - Do you recognize this individual?
- 12 A. That's Linda Andresano.
- **Q.** I'm going to put up on the overhead
- 14 Exhibit 1066.
- 15 Do you recognize that individual?
- 16 A. That's Kim Brinkley.
- 17 Q. I'm going to put up on the overhead
- 18 Exhibit 1062.
- And, first of all, is that you in the
- 20 photograph?
- 21 A. Yes. That's me right there.
- Q. And we notice in the background there is
- 23 writing on the easel?
  - A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Do you see that?
  - A. Yes.
- 2 Q. Are you able to recall who it was that
- 3 did that writing?
- 4 A. That was James Ray.
  - Q. And are you able to read for us what is
- 6 written right there?
- 7 MR. KELLY: Your Honor, objection. The
- 8 exhibit speaks for itself.
- **9** THE COURT: Overruled.
- 10 Q. BY MS. POLK: Do you want me to bring the
- 11 photograph itself?
- 12 A. Yes. It says, the five something of
- 13 power. I couldn't read the one word. Qualities?
- 14 THE COURT: Sustained.
  - THE WITNESS: It's hard to read so --
- 16 Q. BY MS. POLK: Okay.
  - A. I'm sorry. I couldn't read that.
  - THE COURT: I'm sustaining the objection.
- 19 Q. BY MS. POLK: I'm going to bring you
- 20 Exhibit 1063 and ask if you're able to read what's
- 21 written up in the corner there?
- MR. KELLY: Judge, I'm going to object to the
- 23 form of the question.
  - THE COURT: Sustained.
- 25 MS. POLK: Your Honor, it was a yes or no.

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- 1 Can he tell me if he can read it?
- 2 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 3 BY MS. POLK: Were you present, Mr. Rock,
- 4 for the lectures provided by Mr. Ray?
  - Α. Yes, I was.
- 6 Q. And during the course of the week, did
- 7 you -- in fact, I believe you testified about it
- 8 yesterday, the issue of impeccability?
  - A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that.
- 10 Q. During the course of the week, did you
- hear Mr. Ray use the word "impeccability"? 11
- 12 Α. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Will you tell the jury in what context
- 14 you heard Mr. Ray use the term "impeccability."
- 15 MR. KELLY: Object on the basis of relevance,
- 16 First Amendment.

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- 17 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 18 MS. POLK: Your Honor, it goes to the issue
- 19 inside the sweat lodge and the state of mind of
- 20 participants.
- 21 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 22 Q. BY MS. POLK: Mr. Rock, let's talk about
- 23 the sweat lodge ceremony, then, that occurred
- 24 in 2009 at Spiritual Warrior.
- 25 Α. Okay.

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- 1 Q. First of all, did you have a role in the
- 2 sweat lodge ceremony as a Dream Team member?
- 4 keeper of the north. And I was to be in there and
- hold space, prayer, however you want to say it, and 5

Yes. I was given the position of the

- be there for the people that were going through 6
- 7 their journey of shedding some of their problems
- 8 they've had in their life and being born anew.
- 9 Prior to the actual sweat lodge ceremony,
- 10 was there a briefing provided by Mr. Ray?
- 11 Α.
- 12 Q. And what room was that provided in?
- 13 Α. The Crystal Hall.
- 14 Q. Is the Crystal Hall the room we've seen
- 15 in many of these photographs?
- 16 Α. Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. And were you present when Mr. Ray talked
- 18 to the participants about the sweat lodge?
- A. 19 Yes, I was.
- 20 Q. What do you recall him saying?
- 21 I recall him speaking about we're all
- 22 warriors and that it's going to be a rebirth.
- It's, like, the mother. The sweat lodge is, like, 23
- 24 the mother, mother earth. And he talked about the
- 25 bags, the tobacco pouches that we had put our

- intentions int ▼ I should say the participants
- did. I didn't have any. And how we were shedding 2
- and releasing those, some of the problems of our 3
- life and setting new intentions. 4
- 5 And then he spoke of how -- as I said
- yesterday, how hot the sweat lodge was and how the 6
- 7 Native Americans said that he was, like, a crazy
- white man that had the hottest sweat lodges. And 8
- they would shake their head about how he did it. 9
- And that -- he said that it was something 10
- you needed to push through and to be impeccable and 11 push through any physical boundaries that may have
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- 13 been created while you're in the sweat lodge
- 14 because it is so hot.
- 15 And he also said not to worry about it if
- you pass out -- you know. We'll drag you out by 16
- your heels after it's over with. He said it would 17
- feel so hot your skin was burning off, that kind of 18
- thing, but that you'll make it through it. And --19
- 20 that's what he said pretty much.
  - And after that briefing what did you do?
- 22 We actually broke up to go get our
- 23 swimming suits on, because, of course, it's going
- 24 to be hot in there, and you're not going to wear
  - regular clothing in a sweat lodge.
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- Q. Did you do that?
  - A. Yes, I did.
- 3 Q. And did you then gather down at the area
- 4 of the sweat lodge?
  - Actually, after we got our suits
- together, some of the Dream Team members came back 6
- to the Crystal Hall, and then we went down together 7
- 8 to the sweat lodge.
- 9 Q. Do you recall who that -- you were with?
- 10 Α. I was with Liz Neuman.
- 11 Q. And where did you meet Liz?
- 12 Α. In the Crystal Hall.
- 13 Q. Mr. Rock, once you and Liz and others
- 14 gathered at the site, what did you do?
- 15 I was part of -- one of the people -- we
- 16 had lit sage. And we were using the smoke to go
- 17 around the person to purify them before they went
- into the sweat lodge. And I was one of the people 18
- 19 doing that.
  - Q. How did you know to do that?
  - I had experienced it in 2008. And then I
- forget who it was that gave me it who had it there. 22
- I think it was Melinda Martin who had it. So I 23
- took it upon myself to do that. 24
  - After you helped sage the participants,

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- Everybody lined up. And I had actually gone towards the front of the line because I wanted to get my space in the sweat lodge because I was to be there for the people. So I wanted to make sure nobody was sitting in my space.
- Q. Before going in the sweat lodge, did you gather around a small fire?
- A. Yes. The participants did. They gathered around the fire. And they had written about their sexual experiences and recapitulated over that. And they took them and threw them in the fire. I don't remember which one because a lot of time I was busy doing other things. But they had thrown them in the fire. And that's what we had done in 2008.
- 17 **Q.** Were you there for that? Were you part 18 of that circle or were you somewhere else?
  - I wasn't part of the circle. But I did notice they were over there doing that.
- 21 Q. And then let's talk about once you got 22 inside -- I put up on the overhead Exhibit 414, 23 which is just a simple diagram. I think you saw it 24 yesterday.
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Tell the jury how you entered and where you went.
  - A. Well, when I entered the sweat lodge, I came in here, came clockwise, as we were instructed. I took my position directly north, which I was told was due north of the door, which was south.
- 8 Q. Do you know whether or not those 9 directions were actually accurate?
- 10 A. I didn't find that out until afterwards 11 that I was actually sitting in the west.
  - Q. Did people then come in after you?
- Yes. They all filed in like they were 14 instructed. And they started filling out the outer 15 circle. James and some of his other staff members 16 had gone in first. And then they filed in, and 17 they came the second row in front of us.
- 18 Q. You mentioned Liz Neuman. Do you know where she sat? 19
  - Α. Linda Andresano?
  - Q. No. Liz Neuman.
- 22 Α. I knew Liz Neuman as -- she was instructed as keeper of the west, which was here. 23 24 And she was -- which was really south.
  - Q. And who was the keeper at this side of

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- Right there was Josh Fredrickson. A.
- Q. And Aaron Bennett. Do you know where he was?
- 5 Aaron Bennett was by the door, on this side of the door, as he was the year before. He was the one that would take the pitchfork from the 7 fire keeper, and he would move the hot rock into 8 9 the pit.
- 10 Did you receive any instructions about what you should do as a Dream Team member inside 12 the sweat lodge?
- I've already stated those instructions, 13 which was to be the keeper of the north and to hold 14 space or prayer or good intentions for the people 15 that were going through on their journey and this 16 17 event.
- Did you receive any instructions about 18 Q. what to do if somebody fell ill? 19
- 20 Α.
- Q. What was your intention in terms of --21 what was your intention in the sweat lodge as a 22 23 Dream Team member and the keeper of what you 24 believed to be the north?
  - Well, when I was in front of the sweat

lodge, I remember back that in 2008 I had not

2 completed the sweat lodge. And I was a little

- apprehensive because I knew that it was a very 3
- exhausting event. And so I had set my intention
- that no matter what, I was going to stay in that 5
- sweat lodge and be there for the people who I cared 6
- so much about and do the best I could while I was 7
- in there and get out of there and assist them when 8
- 9 it was over. Because I knew it was a very
- 10 physically draining event.
- Q. I'm going to ask you about who was then 11 12 sitting around you. And I'll put -- you were in 13 the front row closest to the pit?
  - No. I was in the back.
- Q. And that's you. And we'll pick another 15 16 color. Was someone named Sean Ronan in your area?
  - Yeah. Sean was right in front of me. Α.
    - Show the jury where on the diagram. Q.
- 19 Α. Right there.
- 20 And then was someone named Kirby Brown in Q. 21 your area?
- 22 Α. Yeah. She was right over here. And Dawn Gordon was right here. So she was one person away 23 24 from me.
  - Do you know where James Shore was? Q.

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- James Shore was right here in front of 1 2 Kirby Brown.
- 3 As the sweat lodge ceremony, then, began
- 4 Mr. Rock, how were you feeling?
  - How was I feeling?
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 Well, a little apprehensive. But I knew
- 8 why I was there. And I knew I was going to stay
- there and just waited for it to begin.
- 10 When it began, what was your position?
- 11 Α. My position?
- Q. Yes. 12
- 13 Α. I was right here.
- 14 **Q.** In terms of sitting or lying down.
- 15 I was sitting with my knees up because
- 16 Sean Ronan was sitting in front of me with his
- 17 knees up.
  - Q. At some point did you change your
- 19 position?

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- 20 A. Yes. After the second round.
- 21 Q. How did you change it?
- 22 I had laid down. And there had actually
- 23 been some room, so I asked -- I believe at that
- 24 time I asked Sean Ronan and James Shore if they
- wanted to slide in alongside me or move back. And
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- both of them declined. 1
- 2 Q. And let me ask you individually one by
- one. First of all, what created more room? Do you
- 4 know?
- 5 Α. People left.
- Q. Do you know what round that was? 6
- 7 Α. People left at the first and second
- 8 round.
- Q. 9 And what conversation did you have with
- 10 Sean Ronan then?
- 11 A. I just asked him if he wanted to move
- back. And he said, no. 12
- 13 And then I asked James Shore also because
- they were both closest to the pit. And they said, 14
- 15 no.
- 16 Q. Did you ask both of them at the same
- 17 time?
- 18 Α. I asked Sean Ronan first, and then I
- asked James Shore. 19
- 20 And when you asked James Shore that, were you able to see him? 21
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 Q. What position was he in?
- 24 He was still sitting there. This was
- after the second round. He was sitting in that

- position you know -- just sitting there with his 1
- knees up.
- 3 Q. Do you recall what James Shore said when
- he said no? 4
  - Α. To me?
  - Q. Yes.
- At that time he said, no. I'm fine where 7 A.
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- Q. And when you laid down, Mr. Rock, did you 9
- 10 lay down face down? face up?
- I laid face down. Through prior 11
- 12 experience from the year before, I knew that was
- 13 the best position.
- 14 Q. And why do you say that?
  - Because when you got low down to the
- ground, it was cooler, and it seemed like there was 16
- more oxygen down there. It was easier to breath. 17
- 18 Not much, but it was.
- Q. And when you laid face down, at what 19
- 20 direction was your head?
  - My head was this way. Α.
- 22 At some point did you start -- did you
- feel physical change in yourself or a mental 23
- 24 change?
  - Yeah. I mean, that's why I laid down Α.
  - after round 2. I just knew it was getting hotter.
- And, of course, my intention was to stay. So I had 2
- to do everything I could to keep myself alert
- enough so I didn't pass out. Because if I passed 4
- out, when it was over I was no good to anyone. 5
- Q. Why did you think you might pass out if 6 7 you didn't make a change?
- 8 Because it was getting hotter. And James
- had called for more rocks in the first two rounds 9
- 10 than he did the year before.
- Q. And what do you remember about more 11
- 12 specifically?
- About how many rocks he called? He 13 Α.
- called, like, 12 rocks the first time and 11 the 14
- second time or large numbers, where the first --15
- the year that I was there in 2008, he called for
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- 11, and then he called for 7. So immediately that 17
- was a sign to me that it was going to be hotter. 18
- Did you employ a tactic -- another tactic 19 20 in addition to lying down on your stomach to try --
  - That was later on.
- 22 Q. When was that?
  - Α. That was in the fourth round.
    - Q. And tell the jury what you started doing
- in the fourth round. 25

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- A. Well, in the fourth round -- well, 2 actually in the third round I asked -- we did the third round twice.
  - Q. What makes you say that?
- 5 Α. Because the third round -- we did it. And then James said -- started going into his chant
- 7 and saying what round it was, and he said third
- 8 round again. And then somebody from this area over
- 9 here -- I heard them say, hey. You repeated
- round 3. And he just continued. 10
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- Α. 12 James Ray. And then after that round was 13 up, I then again asked Sean Ronan and James Shore 14 if they wanted to move back.
  - Q. And how did Sean Ronan respond?
- 16 Sean Ronan initially said, no. But when the round started, he moved back along side of me 17 18 over here between me and Linda Andresano. And at 19 that point James Shore was on his knees and his 20 elbows, and he was laying parallel to the pit.
  - And I looked at him and asked him if he wanted to move back. I said, there's room. I knew there was room because people kept leaving and then coming back. And so there's -- it makes space.
    - And again he said -- he looked at me
- 1 distressed but firm in his conviction and said, no.
- 2 I'm fine right here.
- 3 Q. What makes you use the word "distressed"
- 4 for James Shore?
  - In the way he responded to me.
  - Q. And how was that?
- 7 He looked up at me like on an angle like this, and he said -- and his voice was more like 8 out of breath. And he said, no. No. I'm fine. 9
- 10 **Q.** What happened next that you remember?
- 11 I believe at that time after Sean had 12 moved next to me and I was laying on my stomach, 13 that's when James Ray would throw the water on. 14 And droplets would splash on the back of my calf
- 15 muscles.
- 16 And so that's when I - I would then 17 after that lift my legs up this way whenever he 18 threw water on so that the hot water wouldn't 19 splash onto me.
- 20 And then at some point did you seek 21 another way to get some relief?
- 22 Yes. That was around the fourth round --23 or the third -- one of the third rounds, I believe. 24 Because I was lifting the edge to get some oxygen,
- which I had learned to do in 2008 from Jennifer

- Wong and Tan Coffey. And that started giving me 1 2 oxygen.
- What happened at that point was is that 3 my friend Melissa, who was over here, lifted the 4
- flap way up high, and light came in. And I had 5
- mine up too. And I heard James Ray yell tell 6
- 7 her to stop that. That's blasphemy, an
- abomination, and very strongly scolded her. And 8
- 9 immediately I put mine down.
  - Did you lift the flap again?
- Well, after that had occurred, I didn't 11
- want to have the light be shown in. But I know I 12
- 13 needed to have oxygen for me to stay there. So
- what I started doing is is during the rounds I 14
- would go into a meditative state. And I was using 15
- 16 the words that James Ray said, open the gate, to
- then come back from a meditative state and lift the 17 edge, because then the light wouldn't show. And
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- that's what I did through the end of the every 19 20 time through the end.
- 21 Q. And explain that to us. When would you
- 22 hear Mr. Ray say, open the gate?
- At the end of a round. 24 Q. And what would happen when Mr. Ray said,
- 25 open the gate?

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- He would open the gate, which is a flap 1
  - that covers the opening, and light would come in.
- 3 And one of the things I noticed is it didn't get
- any cooler where I was unless I lifted the side.
- 5 And it certainly wasn't any oxygen.
- Q. And so from the fourth round on, what did 6
- you do every time Mr. Ray opened the gate? 7
  - I lifted the edge. A.
    - Q. We're talking about where? Show us
- 10 where.
- 11 Α. It was right -- well, right in front of
- me. Because my head was up against the edge. And 12
- I would lift it. And then when he said close the 13
- gate, I would put it down and I would do everything 14
- I could to stay from passing out and be in a state 15
- like a hypnotist. When he hypnotizes you, he says 16
- a word, and you come out of it. For me, it was 17
- 18 open the gate.
  - How high did you lift the edge each time? Q.
- 20 Α. I would say two to three inches.
  - Q. And how wide of an area?
  - Probably a foot, two hands. Α.
  - Q. And how long would you keep it open?
- I would keep it open the whole time that 24 people were coming in or out or the flap was open. 25

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- Because when he said, close the gate, I would just let it go back down.
- Q. By round 4 what was your observation as 4 to the heat inside the sweat lodge?
  - Well, it's difficult to gauge when it's really hot. But you know when it's really hot when the year before you experienced less rocks coming in. And then you start to feel that. And so I was feeling the heat. And my whole focus was -- as I stated, was to make it through so that I didn't pass out.
- 12 Q. And was there a change in your mental 13 condition between round 1 and as the sweat lodge 14 went on?
  - Α. Oh, yeah. Absolutely.
- Q. 16 Explain that for the jury.
- 17 Α. Well, it was a battle to stay in there.
- And so I was using -- even though it wasn't what I 18
- 19 was supposed to be doing in lifting the side,
- 20 because it was such an abomination, I had to do it.
- 21 Because whenever I went to a James Rav
- 22 event, I was there for the people that came there.
- 23 There was a lot of really good people that came to
- 24 his events. And I really loved those people. And
- so that was my intention. My intention was to stay 25
- 1 there and be with them.
- 2 Mr. Rock, yesterday you talked about an 3 altered state of consciousness?
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- 5 Q. Did you experience that inside the sweat
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- I would say that it was altered in the Α. way I described, as more I went into a meditative
- 9 state, as opposed to the year before when we did
- 10 the whole -- the breathwork, where I actually saw,
- 11 like, a hallucination. Okay?
- 12 I wasn't hallucinating. But what I was doing was going inside myself in a meditative 13 14 state. And that slows your body down. It slows
- 15 how much oxygen you need and that type of thing.
- And then I would do that because it was 16 17 working. It was allowing me to lift the side every
- 18 time and not pass out.
- 19 Q. Did you become aware of someone named Lou
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- 21 Α. Yes. I knew Lou.
  - Q. And did you become aware of Lou during
- 23 the sweat lodge ceremony?
- 24 Α. Yes, I did.
  - Q. How did you become aware of Lou?

- s after -- it was towards the end of
- 2 a round. I think the gate was open. I'm not
- 3 100 percent. Or maybe the gate wasn't open. But
- all of a sudden I heard James Ray say, Lou, Lou,
- Lou, this way. All of a sudden I heard him, Lou, 5
- scream out and something about falling in the pit 6
- or something like that. And then as Lou was 7
- 8 exiting or something, I heard James Ray say, well,
- that's a souvenir for you to take home with you. 9
- Did you ever see Lou or just hear him? 10
- During that time. No. I did not see 11 Α.
- him. I was face down. 12
- 13 Did you ever change your position lying
- face down with your head toward the end of the tent 14
- 15 throughout the ceremony?
- Just after I got into that position, I 16
- stayed there. I didn't look up. I was busy -- you 17
- know -- during the round. And I was busy holding 18
- 19 up the edge for the whole time that the gate was
- 20 open.

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- 21 And did you, Mr. Rock, stay in the sweat
- 22 lodge for the entire ceremony?
- 23 Α. Yes, I did.
- Did you ever become aware during the 24 Q.
- 25 ceremony of Linda Andresano?
  - No. Because other than the beginning
  - when she sat next to me -- I knew she was sitting
- up next to me. And then Sean Ronan came in between 3
- us. And he was laying down next to me. And I 4
- 5 staved laving down. So no. I wasn't aware of what
- 6 she was doing.
- 7 I'm going to ask you some questions now
- about Kirby Brown. Did Kirby ever change her 8
- position, that you were aware of? 9
- Α. 10 No.
- 11 Q. And I'm going to clear our board. And if
- 12 you'll just put on for the jury again your position
- 13 and then Kirby's position.
  - That's my position, Dawn Gordon and Kirby
- 15 Brown. We were all laying quite close together.
- At some point during the ceremony did you 16
- 17 become aware of Kirby?
- 18 Yes. I think it was at the end of the
- sixth round. I started to hear a gurgling. And I 19
- didn't know what it was. At that time I wasn't 20
- able to move myself. I was just holding on to stay 21
- where I was at and do what I intended to do. 22
- 23 And I heard her gurgle. And then I heard
- the gate was open, and I was lifting the edge. And 24
  - I thought to myself I -- if I could help somebody,

I would. But I just couldn't.

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And then I heard somebody say, Kirby's in trouble. She needs to get out of here now. And that was about the time the gate was closing after the sixth round. And that's when James Ray said, well, we're closing -- I forget his exact words. But he's closing the gate, and we'll take care of her afterwards, after the round.

- Q. You testified that if you had been in a position to help Kirby, you would have been. What about the sound that you heard made you conclude that she needed help?
- Well, from experience watching television, I guess would be when you hear somebody gurgling their last breath, you've seen it on TV. And it sounded exactly the same. So I was concerned. But yet at that point I was barely holding on myself. So you just have to give it up and hope for the best.
- When you heard Kirby gurgling, describe 21 for the jury how much other noise there was in the 22 sweat lodge at that time.
  - I didn't hear any other noise because it was right before the gate was closed for the seventh round. And typically anybody who would

have came in or come out would have already been in there. And it got quiet because we were all waiting for the gate to be closed. And then James would start his chanting. So the only sound that I heard was Kirby Brown.

Q. The voice that you heard, Mr. Rock, call out about Kirby being in trouble -- can you show the jury where you heard the voice come from on the diagram.

I had thought it was -- it was hard to say, but I thought I heard it from over here. So I just heard a voice. My recall, it was over that area. But --

Q. And when that voice called out that Kirby was in trouble, how much other noise was there in the sweat lodge?

A. It was very clear. You could hear the words. Kirby's in trouble. She needs to get out of here. That's when it was close the gate. We'll take care of her afterwards.

Q. And then you testified that Mr. Ray responded?

A. Yes. He responded, we're closing the gate. We'll take care of her afterwards, or we'll deal with that afterwards. He wasn't going to

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What round do you believe that was? Q.

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Q. How many rounds did Mr. Ray conduct on 5

that day? 6 7 Well, when I say the sixth and seventh

round, it was really the seventh and eighth because 8 he did round 3 twice. So -- but he called it round 6 and then round 7. 10

Q. How many rounds, then, do you believe --

12 A. Eight.

13 Q. -- were held after the statement about 14 Kirby being in trouble?

> A. That was the last round.

Do you know how long that last round was? Q.

It seemed like as long as all the other Α. 17 18 ones.

For that last round, describe what your 19 Q. 20 conditions was?

My condition at that time was I wanted it Α. to be the last round. I knew that physically -- I couldn't keep going. Even taking the oxygen I was feeling very drained and very weak. So I was just hoping that was going to be the last round.

1 Did you know how many rounds there would 2 be?

3 James always said that there is typically seven rounds. But he doesn't know. He could go 4 longer than that. So don't count on that number. 5

Q. And you made a comment earlier about the 6 air in your area of the sweat lodge. What do you 7 8 recall about your air?

9 A. I recall that it was extremely hot in 10 there. I recall that when they opened the gate that it didn't help at all. It didn't do anything 11 12 for us. That's why I started holding up the side. 13 It was extremely hot.

14 Q. And then you made the comment earlier 15 about when water was thrown on the rocks, you would 16 feel it?

A. Yeah. When the water would be thrown on 17 the rocks, it would splash on the back of my calves 18 because I was laying -- you know -- I wasn't that 19 20 close to the pit. But I was laying up against the side of the lodge. And so I was close enough for 21 22 it to splash. So then I would lift my legs up when 23 he would throw water on.

24 Q. What do you remember, then, about that 25 last round?

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- What I remember about that last round was 2 hoping that it was over, hoping that was the end. And when he said that that was it, I was glad. And
- it took every bit of my strength just to crawl out of there. 5
- 6 Q. How did you get out of there after it was 7 over?
- 8 Α. Well, of course, I wanted to get out as 9 quick as I could. And people were in line, let's say, and so I had to wait. But I mustered all my 10 11 strength, and I started crawling out. And the 12 people were crawling out.

And as I got closer to the door, I could see they were all going to the right, which is the way they came in, this way. So they were all going 16 that way. And I believe I was behind Dawn Gordon. And there was enough space. And I just had to get out of there, so I just pushed through and went this way, over in this area because I knew I'd get out quicker.

- Q. And yesterday, Mr. Rock, you testified about how many people were in the sweat lodge for the last round in 2008.
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- 25 Q. Do you have a recollection today of how
- many people were left inside in 2009 for the last 1 2 round?
- 3 Α. I really don't. I don't know.
- 4 Q. And in 2009 when people left the sweat 5 lodge between rounds, did you hear Mr. Ray say 6 anything to them?
  - Yeah. I heard him saying, you're better than that. You're stronger than that. Come back in. I heard him calling names of different people. I believe Lou Caci was one of them. Come back in. Come on back in.

12 Yeah. He didn't -- between rounds he 13 was -- seemed very animated, you might say, in 14 trying to get people to come back in.

- 15 **Q.** I'm going to put up on the overhead Exhibit 145, which is a picture of the sweat lodge 16 17 ceremony shortly after it began.
- 18 But I just want you to use this 19 photograph and show the jury once you came out 20 where you went.
  - Α. Where I went?
  - Q. Yes.
- 23 Well, there is the gate. And I went over 24 here. And you see this rock right here? That was an alter type rock that James Ray never used, but

- that's what I as told it was. And I laid down and 1 2 collapsed right there on my stomach.
  - How long did you lay there?
- Well, they started hosing me off. And 4 Α. 5 somebody was giving me cups of water. So I was laying on my stomach. So I just turned my head and 6 drink the water. It took a while. I'm not sure 7 8 how long.

When I looked to my left, you see where 9 these people are beyond where these people are 10 standing. During that time I saw James Shore 11 12 laying on the ground. And he was lying on the 13 ground, and he was purple.

And because of my state of condition, you 14 become slightly off. And very nonchalantly I said 15 to myself well, he's dead. And it's horrifying to 16 even say that to you now. But somebody was working 17 on him. And I thought, that's futile. 18

19 After I recovered slightly, I was able to 20 roll over onto this rock on my stomach. And from that position I recovered a little more, and I was 21 able to use my legs and arms to lift myself and 22 flip over. So I was sitting on that rock. 23

Over hear near the pavilion tent, which 24 25 is directly across from me, James Ray was sitting

on a chair. And I looked at him. And I was very 1 angry. And there was really nothing I could do 2 3 about it.

But I looked at him and I thought I'm 4 going to go over towards him and do something. And 5 by the time I got up, stood up, he was gone. And 6 at that time, that's when he was moving around the 7 other side and people were asking him to do 8 something to help the people that were down. 9

And that's when I heard him say, what do you want me to do? I don't know what to do? I can't help them. That type of dialogue he had.

- Who did you hear Mr. Ray say that to? Q.
- It must -- it was other Dream Team 14 members that were screaming that people are in 15 trouble. And, of course, I knew somebody was in 16 trouble because I saw James Shore. And I knew. I 17 just knew. 18
  - Q. What did you do next?
- Well, I walked forward. And there was 20 Α. this tarp over here. And it had, like, a puddle of 21 22 water in it. And so I laid down in the water. Because he had left, and my energy was gone again. 23 24
- And so I was cooling off. I was -- I believe I was laving next to Dawn Gordon. 25

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Once I recovered from there, over in this area there were some towels. So I started getting towels because I started getting cold. And every time I put a towel on myself, I'd walk this way, and somebody else would be shivering. And so I would take the towel off my back and give it to them. And I did this numerous times, which was odd because you would think that I would grab the towels. But I just kept doing that.

And then I -- and there was oranges and stuff over in the tent over this way. So I started getting oranges and eating them. It was helping me revive. And then I started giving them to anybody who I thought could eat an orange.

All the way in this area there was nothing but people laying down. It looked like mass amount of bodies just laying there. Some people were in different states of consciousness. Some people were completely out, it appeared to me at that time.

- Q. Did you ever go by the fire?
- 22 Yeah. I started going by the fire 23 because I would go from being okay, and then I came 24 over here by the fire, and I would warm up and then 25 would get too hot. So I would go back and try to

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And around that time is when the ambulances started coming down the hill. And so it was just a mass of ambulances, police cars. It was like an army of guys coming at us. And then, of course, the helicopters started showing up. And it reminded me of the movie M.A.S.H.

- And what was your state of mind at that Q. time, Mr. Rock?
- Well, I had recovered better than a lot of people. My state of mind was I was in shock. I was just -- there were just so many things to comprehend all at once that it was overwhelming.
- Q. I'm going to take you back, then, to inside the sweat lodge. As you were leaving when it was over, were you aware of Kirby Brown?
- When I was leaving when it was over, I was aware that as I went around the pit, on that side of the lodge there was bodies there. But I was in no condition to do anything about it because my whole focus was to get out. I had to get out.
  - Did you become aware of Kirby later?
- 23 That was later on after the paramedics 24 were there. Megan Fredrickson was instructing people to go back and take a shower, go away from

that area. She was probably over in this area with 1 her husband Josh. And I started to walk back this 2 3 way. And she told me not to go back there.

4 As I walked around the backside of that

- 5 lodge, on the far side of the lodge there was two
- 6 gurney stretchers, and they were up in the air.
- And one was James Shore, and the other was Kirby 7
- Brown. And there was nobody around them, and they 8
- had these defibrillators on them. And these 9
- 10 defibrillators were pumping their chests. And I
- knew in my heart that they were no longer with us. 11 12 MS. POLK: Your Honor, would this be a good

13 time to take the morning break?

14 THE COURT: We'll do that, Ms. Polk.

15 Ladies and gentlemen, we'll take the morning recess. Please remember the admonition. 16

And be back in the jury room at five after. That's 17

18 20 minutes.

Thank you.

20 (Recess.)

THE COURT: The record will show the presence

of Mr. Ray, the attorneys, the jury. Mr. Rock is 22

23 on the witness stand.

Ms. Polk.

MS. POLK: Thank you.

1 Mr. Rock, inside the sweat lodge, when

you heard the conversation concerning Kirby and you 2

- 3 heard Mr. Ray respond?
  - Α. Yes.
  - Q. Did you observe what Mr. Ray did next?
- No. I did not observe exactly what he 6 did as far as looking at him. I knew that the gate 7 got closed because the light went out. And I, of 8 9 course, dropped my hands. And at that time he started chanting. He started doing his chanting

10 and that type of thing. So we proceeded. 11

- 12 Was there any inquiry into how Kirby was 13 doing --
- 14 Α. No.
  - Q. -- by Mr. Ray?
- 16 No. None.
- 17 Q. Inside the sweat lodge do you know whether Kirby Brown -- what her position was in 18

19 terms of face up or face down?

- 20 I know that she was -- originally I know Α. that she was laying on her back. That's all I 21 really know. That was early on when we started. 22
  - When you heard the gurgling sound, do you know what her position was?

No, I don't.

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1 Q. Do you know what position James Shore was 2 in inside the sweat lodge in terms of face up or

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- Well, as I stated before, when I spoke to him, the last time he was on his hands and knees and he was parallel to the pit. After that point I don't know where he was.
- Q. And when the ceremony was over, Mr. Rock, why did you choose to go out the gate instead of, for example, one the sides where you had been lifting the flap?
- Α. Because it was what we were instructed to do. We were instructed to go around and do that. So that was my only thought was to do what I was supposed to do. And, like I said, when I seen an opening to the left, I jumped through it because I knew I needed to get out of there.
- 18 Q. Once you were outside, do you no how much 19 time had passed between the time you were outside 20 and you saw James Shore?
- 21 A. It's hard to gauge time. But it was a 22 short period of time. Because I was still laying 23 there. I had been hosed off. I had some drinks. 24 And I was still in the initial position, which was 25 I crawled out and laid on my stomach. So it was at

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- the beginning of that, during that time period. 1
- 2 Q. Do you know how James Shore got out of 3 the tent?
- A. I have no idea. 4
- 5 Q. Do you know how Kirby Brown got out of the tent? 6
- 7 A. I have no idea.
- 8 Q. Did you ever become aware of Sean Ronan outside the tent? 9
- 10 A. Not really. No. No.
- 11 Q. I'm going to put up on the overhead the 12 photograph of Sidney Spencer. It's Exhibit 1049.
- 13 Α. Okay.
- 14 When the ceremony was over -- well, let me ask you this first: Were you ever aware of 15 16 Sidney Spencer inside the sweat lodge?
- 17 A. I knew she was close to me at the 18 beginning, but I didn't really focus on her.
- 19 Q. And I'm going to put back up Exhibit 414. 20 In terms of being close to you, can you tell the jury where you believe she was. 21
- 22 Well, of course, I was here. And I 23 believe she was in this area over here somewhere. 24 But that's -- people would come and out. So you wouldn't know if they stayed there or if they went

- out and came-back. So it's hard to say. 1
- 2 Q. Were you aware of her at all during the 3 ceremony other than position?
  - A. No.

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- 5 Q. When the ceremony was over, did you
- 6 become aware of her at some point?
- 7 Yes. When we were outside -- when I was 8 outside the sweat lodge.
  - **Q.** What drew your attention to her?
- 10 A. I heard somebody -- like -- it was, like, a screaming, a commotion. And there was, like, 11 three or four people carrying somebody. And I 12 looked, and I saw that it was Sidney Spencer. And 13 14 she started flailing, like, convulsing. And they dropped her. And she fell on her head. That's 15 16 what I remember.
- Q. When you became aware of that -- and 17 again I'll put back up Exhibit 145 -- where did you 18 19 see people carrying Sidney?
- 20 A. It was way over here. It's not in the 21 picture. But it's, like, this way, of that position and toward the end of -- along the edge of 22 23 a tarp that would not be in that picture right now.
- 24 Do you know who the people were that were carrying Sidney? 25

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- A. I couldn't say.
- 2 Can you tell us whether they were 3 emergency medical responders versus participants or 4 staff?
- A. Oh, no. They were participants. They 5 were -- you know -- it was obvious they were 6 7 participants.
- Q. Did you become aware of Sidney at any 8 9 time after that?
- 10 No, I didn't, other than to know that she 11 was in the hospital.
- 12 Do you know, Mr. Rock, how long the 13 ceremony lasted?
  - I believe it lasted two and a half hours. Α.
    - Q. And why do you believe that?
- 16 Well, when the chopper came in, the guy who is flying the chopper in his blue jump suit 17 came out. And I don't know who was next. Tess 18
- Wong. And there was a couple people laying on the 19
- 20 ground, which would be over in this position. And
- the chopper pilot asked them -- you know -- he was, 21
- 22 like, what was going on here?
- 23 MR. KELLY: Your Honor, object to the hearsay.
- 24 THE COURT: Sustained.
  - BY MS. POLK: I'm going to ask you some

- 1 questions about Liz Neuman, Mr. Rock.
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Were you aware of Liz Neuman during the4 sweat lodge ceremony?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And what were you aware of?
- 7 A. I was aware of her position.
- **Q.** And anything else?
- 9 A. That's -- that's it.
- 10 Q. Did you become aware of Liz Neuman when
- 11 the ceremony was over?
- 12 A. Yes, I did.
- 13 Q. Where were you when you became aware of
- 14 Liz?15
  - A. I was outside the sweat lodge.
- **Q.** And can you show us on this photograph
- 17 where you were.
- 18 A. She was in that area over here where I
- 19 was just talking about Tess Wong and some other
- 20 people who had spoke to the chopper pilot. And a
- 21 paramedic came walking up from that direction. And
- 22 he had some type of device, monitoring device. And
- 23 there was just so many people laying around.
- 24 So he turned Liz Neuman over. And that's
- 25 when I realized it was Liz Neuman. And I had
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  - walked past her a couple times not knowing -- you know -- just wandering and doing what I could for
- 3 others.

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- And then he hooked her up to his medical device. And I stood there and I watched. She did
- 6 have some signs of life according to the machine.
- 7 MR. KELLY: Your Honor, object to the
- 8 narrative.
- 9 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 10 Please ask your next question, Ms. Polk.
- 11 Q. BY MS. POLK: Were you aware, Mr. Rock,
- 12 of whether any water was used to cool Liz Neuman
- 13 down?
- A. She was laying in a puddle of water, and she was soaked. Her hair was all wet and her whole
- 16 body. She was wet.
- 17 Q. And do you -- you talked about the18 paramedic coming up to Liz. Are you able to recall
- 19 today how much time had passed since the end of the
- 20 sweat lodge ceremony and the time that a paramedic
- 21 approached Liz?
  - A. It was getting dark. It was dusk.
- **Q.** In terms of the arrival of the first
- 24 emergency -- the emergency responders and someone
  - 5 paying attention to Liz, do you have any knowledge

- 1 of how much time had passed?
- 2 A. She was one of the last -- she wasn't one 3 of the first ones they focused on. They were all
- 4 focusing on what I come to find out is James Shore
- 5 and Kirby Brown.
- 6 MR. KELLY: Your Honor, object to the hearsay7 response.
- 8 THE COURT: Sustained.
- **9 Q.** BY MS. POLK: Where do you believe --
- 10 when the paramedic first approached Liz, what was
- 11 her position in terms of face up or face down?
- A. She was laying on her side. And most ofher face was down. And her hair was over her face.
- 14 That's why I didn't know who she was.
- Q. During the time that you were wanderingaround doing what you could do, did you observe
- 17 Mr. Ray?

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- 18 A. Other than what I stated, as he got up 19 and didn't help anyone, no. I mean, he was -- he 20 wasn't around. I didn't see him after that.
- 21 Q. And in terms -- you talked about how you
- 22 recovered. Did you ever seek medical attention?
  - A. No, I did not.
- 24 Q. And physically speaking, limiting it
- 25 first to that night, did you have any effects from
- 1 being inside the sweat lodge?
- 2 A. Physical effects?
- **Q.** Just physical effects.
- 4 A. No
- **Q.** Once you recovered how were you feeling?
- 6 A. Well --
- 7 Q. Physically.
- 8 A. It's hard to determine because as your
- 9 emotions and your adrenaline goes, it creates a
- 10 physical effect on you. So it was very strange.
- 11 Q. How long were you down at the scene of
- 12 the sweat lodge that night?
- 13 A. Like I said, it started getting dark,
- 14 dusk time period.
- **Q.** And then how long did you stay down there
- 16 before going to some other location?
- 17 A. Well, then Megan Fredrickson -- I asked
- 18 her if there was anything I can do. And she said,
- 19 try and get people that are still here to go take a
- 20 shower and go to the dining hall for dinner.
- 21 Q. How much time would you say had passed
- 22 from the end of the sweat lodge ceremony until
- 23 Megan gave that direction?
- A. Hour and 35 minutes, two hours. I'm not
- **25 sure.** Page 81 to 84 of 155

Q. And during that time, and you ever become 2 aware of Daniell Granquist.

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Q. Where were you when you became aware of 5 her?

A. Once again, I was over here towards the tent. And there is an army of ambulances, police cars, fire trucks. There is helicopters coming in. They landed over in this far area.

And Daniell turned to me and said -because she knew that I had done this event before. she said, Mark, is this how it's supposed to be?

MR. KELLY: Your Honor, objection. Hearsay. Ask it be stricken from the record.

MS. POLK: Your Honor, this is not hearsay.

16 THE COURT: Overruled.

Q. BY MS. POLK: What did Daniell say?

A. She said -- she turned to me and said --

MR. KELLY: Your Honor, same objection.

THE COURT: Counsel, please approach.

And, ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Rock, please feel free to stand.

23 (Sidebar conference.)

MR. KELLY: Judge, assert that this violates

25 our right of confrontation. Daniell Granquist is

not scheduled as a witness in this matter. And

it's clearly hearsay. There is no exception. It's

3 not proper.

4 THE COURT: Ms. Polk.

MS. POLK: Your Honor, it's not hearsay. It's

not offered to prove the truth of the matter. It's 6

7 quite the opposite. What Daniell says to him is

8 how it's supposed to be.

THE COURT: And I agree, Mr. Kelly. This is important. That was not a hearsay statement at

11 all. There was nothing in there offered for the

12 truth, what was called old days res gestae, that

13 kind of thing.

14 But here's what I'm afraid of, Ms. Polk:

15 These people aren't interviewed. I know this man

testified in another context. I never know. I 16

17 never know. That's why I called people forward on

18 this. Because what he's saying now, it's not

offered for the truth. It would help. I think a 19

20 good response is if it's not offered to the truth,

21 it kind of takes care of the 106. I mean the 104,

22 or five problem of instructing.

23 If it's made clear that way, because I

24 think jurors have trouble sometimes sorting out 25

when people say things like this that that

statement was cearly not hearsay, but it's what 1

2 somebody said who is not on the stand.

3 So if there is a response that clears

that up sometimes, that can do that, can help out. 4

Again, though, he might go right into hearsay. 5

6 MR. KELLY: Judge, if it's not offered for the 7 truth, then I'd argue it's relevance. Any

8 relevance is outweighed by 403 potential prejudice,

9 needless waste of time, confusion of the issues.

10 And if it's going to be asked, I'd ask

11 for an instruction from the Court after his 12 testimony.

13 THE COURT: Relevance. That's a totally 14 different thing. I'll sustain on relevance ground.

15 Ms. Polk, how is it relevant?

16 MS. POLK: Judge, it's clearly relevant. This

is a participant who is given that briefing, who 17

expects that this is what's supposed to happen. 18

And the issue has been why don't people leave? Why 19

20 don't people take care of their bodies? The answer

21 is because Mr. Ray tells them, essentially, this is

22 what's going to happen.

23 And this is a participant, her first time in the sweat lodge, who's had the briefing, gone 24

through the sweat lodge. And her question to Mark

as a Dream Teamer, knowing he's been in this

2 before -- her question is is this what's supposed

3 to happen? Is this normal? I can't remember what

he said. 4

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5 THE COURT: Is this how it's supposed to be?

6 MS. POLK: Yeah.

7 THE COURT: The way it was phrased. Okay.

Mr. Kelly, relevance. You've asserted a

9 new ground there. And Ms. Polk's responded to

10 relevance.

11 MR. KELLY: I would reassert that, Judge, if

12 the State of Arizona is prosecuting my client based

13 on his words, that's a significant First Amendment

problem. I think that's what she's saying still. 14

15 It's a manslaughter case.

THE COURT: Overruled.

(End of sidebar conference.)

18 THE COURT: Ms. Polk.

MS. POLK: Thank you, Your Honor.

Q. Mr. Rock, will you tell the jury what

21 Daniell Granquist said to you.

22 Α. She looked at me in a very surreal moment 23 and said, Mark, is this how it's supposed to be?

24 And my response was one of -- I almost laughed

because it was so surreal. And I said, no. No.

- 1 This isn't how it's supposed to be
- **Q.** I had been asking you a question about
- 3 your physical condition after the sweat lodge. You
- 4 talked about the saging ceremony and your role in
- 5 that. Did you ever feel sick after doing the
- 6 saging?
- 7 A. Did I feel sick after saging?
- Q. Yes.
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Where did you go from the scene around
- 11 the sweat lodge that night? Where did you go next?

checked on a lady called Gabrielle -- she had gone

- 12 A. As I went back to the dining hall, I
- 14 to her cabin -- to see if she was okay.
- **Q.** And what made you go to check on
- 16 Gabrielle?

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- 17 A. I believe some -- I don't know who told
- 18 me she was in her cabin or something like that. So
- 19 I was just making sure that she didn't pass out in
- 20 her cabin all by herself.
  - Q. Did you find Gabrielle?
- 22 A. Yes, I did. And she said she was fine.
- 23 Then I proceeded to go to the dining hall. That's
- 24 where everybody went that could walk.
- **Q.** Do you know around what time it was that

- 1 you were up at the dining hall?
  - A. Oh. It was dark out.
- **Q.** And you said everybody went up there.
- 4 Who do you mean?
  - A. Everybody -- the Dream Team -- well, I
- 6 shouldn't say the Dream Team members. The
- 7 participants went that were able to walk and go up
- 8 there. And -- I don't know. The police came up
- 9 there. And there was some of the people from
- 10 Angel Valley that were up there.
  - Q. And were there paramedics up there?
- 12 A. They did come up to ask and see if
- 13 anybody wanted to go to the hospital, if anybody
- 14 needed assistance. Some people did. Some people
- 15 did say, yeah. I'll go, or whatever, and left. I
- 16 would say most of the people that were there stayed
- 17 there.
- 18 Q. And how long were you up at the dining
- 19 hall?
- 20 A. Oh, it was late. 10:00 o'clock, 11:00.
- 21 I'm not sure. It was late.
- **Q.** At the dining hall did any authorities
- 23 make statements to you, to you as a group?
- 24 A. Yes. They came in. There was quite a
- 25 few police officers. They set up two tables where

- 1 they were interviewing people. At one point they
- 2 came in and confirmed. They said that James Shore
- 3 and Kirby Brown had passed away, kind of told us
- 4 that Liz Neuman and some other people were taken to
- 5 the hospital, that type of thing.
- **Q.** And who is "they"?
- 7 A. The police.
  - Q. The police told you that?
- 9 A. The police did.
- 10 Q. Were statements taken that night by the
- 11 police?

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- A. Yes.
- 13 Q. And did you provide a statement?
- 14 A. Yes, I did.
- 15 Q. And do you recall who you provided a
- 16 statement to?
- 17 A. It was a tall woman police officer.
- 18 Q. And where were you when you provided that
- 19 statement to the officer?
- 20 A. In the dining hall.
  - Q. How long did you spend with the female
- 22 police officer in providing a statement?
- 23 A. 20 minutes, I guess. 15, 20 minutes.
- 24 They were interviewing everyone. I had waited
- 25 quite a while. I didn't give an interview
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- 1 immediately. I was -- I was dealing with talking
- 2 to the participants. They were asking me
- 3 questions. Because I was a Dream Team member, I
- 4 seemed to be the one to talk to. None of James
- 5 Ray's people's were there. So -- and I know that
- 6 Christina Jobe ---
- 7 MR. KELLY: Your Honor, this is nonresponsive.
- 8 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 9 Q. BY MS. POLK: How many Dream Team members
- 10 were up at the dining hall?
- 11 A. I think myself and Jennifer Haley I know.
- 12 That's about it.
- 13 Q. And what, Mr. Rock, was your mental state
- 14 of mind at the time? What was your mental
- 15 condition?
- 16 A. I was reeling from what happened. I was
- 17 confused. I didn't -- how much trouble is there?
- 18 This is way beyond anything I expected to happen.
- 19 So my mind is going a million miles an hour. And
- 20 then talking to people. And, of course, the news
- 21 that Kirby and James were deceased was devastating.
- 22 I knew in my heart they were gone. But to finally
- 23 hear it, this is just too much.
- 24 MS. POLK: Your Honor, may we briefly
- 25 approach?

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THE COURT: Yes.

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(Sidebar conference.)

MS. POLK: Judge, this next thing that Mr. Rock is going to testify to I thought I would just approach because I anticipate Mr. Kelly will object. And just allowing them to do it at the bench instead of in front of the jury.

Mr. Rock speaks to a couple of Dream Team members who have been interviewed by the police. And they tell him not to cooperate, that the police are tying to frame James Ray.

And so when Mr. Rock gives his statement, he is not cooperative. And that's his explanation for not being cooperative. And some of the statements that the jury heard today, he did not provide that to the police at the time. He'll explain his healing process and when he did finally speak to the police.

I believe it's relevant to explain why he did not give the police the full story that he's given the jury today. But I thought I would just approach and let Mr. Kelly make his objections here at the bench.

MR. KELLY: Judge, perhaps, then, Mr. Rock could be considered for being prosecuted for

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- perjury because he gave sworn testimony in front of
- 2 this court in November that those statements were
- accurate and they could be relied upon by this 3
- court. That's on the record. I have a copy of the 4
- 5 transcript.
- 6 So if his statement is different today,
- 7 I'm entitled to impeach him with a prior
- representation to the Court that they're accurate.
- 9 Now, this mythical connection between James Ray and
- Dream Team members to Mr. Rock -- there is no 10
- foundation for that. There is no factual 11
- information that Mr. Ray instructed anyone to
- 13 instruct Mr. Rock to do something. And so there is
- no foundation. 14

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- 15 MS. POLK: Let me address what Mr. Kelly just
- 16 said. This witness has not testified in a way that
- 17 conflicts with his testimony at the 404(b). It's
- 18 the statement that's taken that night on October 8
- by Detective Parkison where he offers very little 19
- 20 information. So I'm not sure what the reference to 21 the perjury was.
- 22 MR. KELLY: The reference to the perjury is I asked him a specific question whether we could rely
- 24 on the answers and the representations he made on
- October 8. He said, yes. They were true.

nd to impeach him because they're

- quite different from his testimony today. If he 2
- 3 wants to explain try to explain away again, but it
- 4 has nothing to do with Mr. Ray's instructions.

5 THE COURT: This alone would be the type of

pretrial issue that would be a pretrial issue in 6

7 the beginning of the trial, and it's something

we're dealing with here at the bench. 8

9 MS. POLK: Judge, that's why I approached.

10 This is another witness that for strategic reasons

11 the defense chose not to interview. But it is his

12 state of mind that night. He's just been told by

two other ladies that they were interrogated and 13

that the police are trying to frame James Ray. And 14

that's his explanation for the very brief statement 15

he gave that night. 16

MR. KELLY: Judge, we chose to rely on the 17 disclosure provided by the State of Arizona, our 18 19 own investigation and prior sworn statements made by this witness as to the substance of his 20 21 testimony.

22 THE COURT: This is pertinent to what even 23 came up before, Mr. Kelly. I know people don't seem to interview. And this is an unusual case 24

because how many interviews would have to be done?

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My goodness. It would take a year to do the 2 interviews.

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the witness list, I understand the problem. But

that is how things are dealt with. There are 5

interviews done, and that's how people find out 6

7 where they are.

8 If the state doesn't have a written

statement provided and doesn't know -- again, if 9

Ms. Polk isn't knowing that this is going to come 10

out, then there -- well. We get into that whole

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area of what you need to disclose. 12

MR. KELLY: What was disclosed was his 13

testimony in November. What we relied upon were 14

15 his sworn responses in November.

THE COURT: In his sworn response has he said 16 no? No one every tried to intimidate me or tell me 17 not to cooperate? 18

19 MR. KELLY: He said that we could rely on the substance of his responses as truthful and 20

21 accurate. He made no excuses about the answers he

22 had provided to Detective Parkison on October 8,

23 2009. So now apparently he has an explanation.

- And that was not disclosed. 24
  - THE COURT: Well, this is --

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MS. POLK: Judge, I just want to add that also disclosed was a very lengthy interview with Mr. Rock that occurred -- I think it was September of 2010, that the defense has as well.

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But to me that's game playing to think you can ask one question, can I rely, not ask further questions, such as how do you explain, why did you say so little, and why at the 404(b), and why in your interview, and expect now to keep the explanation out.

THE COURT: For many years it seemed to me the idea was you need to do interviews so that you know when these things come up. That's why people do interviews. Not that it all has to be provided at the same time. There are ethical reasons for both parties to be providing information when -- that's why it's dangerous to talk interviews when you don't have an independent record made, if it's just a lawyer talking to a fact witness. There can be

21 This is obviously too much to deal with 22 right now.

some real issues that come up in the situations.

23 So, Ms. Polk, I don't know how much else 24 you're going to do with Mr. Rock. If nothing else, 25 I'm going to take the lunch recess right now, if

you've covered everything.

MS. POLK: I do have a couple other areas to cover. I guess it's up to the Court. I'd prefer to cover this and cover the other areas.

THE COURT: Then I'm going to go ahead and break right now.

(End of sidebar conference.)

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we will go ahead and take the noon recess and start a bit earlier. Please be back in the jury room at 1:15 so we can get started as soon as we can after that.

Please remember the admonition.

13 And, Mr. Rock, please remember the rule 14 of exclusion I've been discussing with you.

15 And the jury and Mr. Rock are excused at 16 this time.

17 I'll ask the parties to remain.

18 Thank you.

19 (Proceedings continued outside presence

20 of jury.)

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THE COURT: The record will show the jury and the witness have left the courtroom.

We had entered into an extended bench 24 conference. Ms. Polk indicated the next area she wished to inquire about. And it had to do with an

explanation regarding perhaps the accuracy of

2 Mr. Rock's initial statement to police authorities.

And it raises a number of various issues, hearsay,

being one. But rather than just have this huddle 4

5 up here at the bench, I want to have the conference

6 in this context.

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So, Mr. Kelly.

MR. KELLY: Judge, if I could just -- to

9 illustrate what I was arguing at the bench

10 conference, if I could just refer to the

November 16, 2010, sworn testimony of Mr. Rock. I 11

12 was the attorney cross-examining him. And the

13 question was: Do you recall making a statement to

Detective Wendy Parkison --14

15 MS. POLK: Counsel, I'm sorry. Could I have a 16 page.

17 MR. KELLY: Page 11, line 18.

18 Do you recall making a statement to 19 Detective Wendy Parkison back on October 8, 2009? And the answer was: I barely remember

20 speaking with her because I was still in an altered 21

22 state.

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23 I hand him the transcript. And what I mentioned on the bench was page 13, line 8. 24

Question: Mr. Rock, were you in an altered state

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when those statement were made? 1

2 The response was: Yeah. I was slightly

3 altered.

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rely on the content or the substance? 5

6 Answer: No. It doesn't. Because it's 7

accurate as I can remember.

Judge, my argument on the bench was he

was -- that's sworn testimony given under oath to 9

10 this court as to our ability to rely on the

statement made to Detective Parkison on October 8, 11

2009. And any inconsistency or confusion was 12

13 purportedly because he was not in an altered state.

Now for the first time at this sidebar

15 conference we find out that his testimony today

under oath is going to be that the reason we cannot 16

rely on this statement was because two Dream Team 17

members told him not to cooperate with the police. 18 And I can avow to the Court there is no 19

indication in here that he was not cooperating with 20 21 the police. It's quite the opposite.

Now, the statements are substantially 22 23 different than what he told the jury today. And I

would intend to use those for impeachment purposes. 24

But this path that the state wants to go down now, 25

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explaining the inconsistencies with new evidence --1 2 it was not disclosed. And it begs the question, 3 then under oath why did he give this response back 4 in November? That was my reference to perjury. 5

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Finally, Judge, it lacks foundation, because it has to be connected somehow to Mr. Ray. And if you recall the sequence of events, Mr. Ray is in the back of a police car. So I think it's quite a leap of faith to believe that somehow he directed two Dream Team members to tell Mr. Rock not to cooperate with the police.

THE COURT: And that's absolute hearsay, serious hearsay, to say -- if this is what happened, two people came up and said Mr. Ray said don't do this. You know, that's totally offered for the truth of what transpired.

17 Is there another way it can come in and not be offered for the truth? Yes. But look at 18 19 the special instruction to try to do that. We have 20 done 105 special instructions in this trial.

But the other thing, Ms. Polk, and certainly I want your response. But has there been some consideration with Mr. Rock talking to independent counsel before he continues with his testimony?

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1 MS. POLK: Your Honor, first of all, what 2 mister -- I disagree with Mr. Kelly that the 3 testimony given today is inconsistent with what he said that night. And it's certainly not 4 5 inconsistent with the 404(b), which is when he was under oath. So, again, this reference to perjury 6 7 is confusing to me. 8 THE COURT: Well, let's not go any further.

Mr. Kelly, Ms. Polk is confused about that. I don't know that I'm entirely clear. Let's not go on and on through an argument and go back and catch up on these points.

13 MR. KELLY: Let me point out the specific 14 inconsistencies. On page 14, line 6 --

MS. POLK: Of what transcript?

16 MR. KELLY: Of the same transcript, the sworn 17 testimony, November 16. I'll back up to page 13. 18 I'm sorry. For the record, it's page 13, line 15.

19 Question: Very good. If you would,

20 please, then, turn to page 3, line 22.

Detective Parkison asked you the question, have you ever done a sweat lodge before? What was your response?

Yeah. The answer.

And she said, where? What was your

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2 The answer: Here last year.

And Parkison, and I'm paraphrasing, says 3

4 okay. What was your statement?

I was a participant.

6 And then here's the inconsistent

7 statement, Judge: Then she asked the question, was

8 there anything different about the sweat lodge from

9 last year as opposed to this year? What was your

10 response?

No.

12 That is inconsistent.

13 She then asked the question, is it the

14 same? What was your response?

He said it felt the same.

And I asked him, could you read your 16

17 response to Judge Darrow, please.

And the answer was, it's the same -pretty much the same heat level, the same -- it was

20 enclosed the same way.

Then, finally, Judge, in terms of inconsistency, the detective on that day asked him 22 during the end of the statement about why he didn't

render aid at the end. Essentially -- and I'm 24

25 paraphrasing. I'll have to find it in the

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transcript. He says because I didn't notice anyone 2 in trouble.

3 MS. POLK: I'm sorry. I didn't hear what you 4 said.

5 MR. KELLY: He said I didn't notice anyone who 6 would have been feeling badly.

7 So those are specific inconsistent

8 statements made under oath -- excuse me -- made

9 during October 8, 2009. And then under oath the

10 only explanation is, as I read initially, there was

an altered state, that he was in an altered state. 11

But he said yeah. You can rely on my responses. 12

13 THE COURT: And you anticipate, Ms. Polk,

that -- well, what's your response? 14

MS. POLK: Well, first of all, with what

occurred at the 404(b) hearing was simply Mr. Kelly 16

impeaching a witness with prior inconsistent 17

statements. 18

19 To read it to suggest that mister -- he was reading what was said from this interview that 20 night. And that's all he was doing. He wasn't

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22 getting this witness -- this witness wasn't

testifying that what was said was accurate. He was 23

24 being impeached, in other words.

So to suggest somehow that what happened

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1 at the 404(b) hearing, suddenly is this witness saying that what he gave that night -- that that's what we need to rely on is completely misconstruing the record.

THE COURT: I'm troubled if I'm here listening to evidence at a 404(b), and Mr. Rock is confirming that yeah, these are the statements. I was in a slightly altered state, but they can be relied on; and now it's going to be, well, they really can't be relied on because I was told not to cooperate. Mr. Ray was being framed or something like that. 12 That sounds like a major distinction.

What am I missing on that? MS. POLK: Judge, first of all, I think what happened at the 404(b) is taken out of context. MR. KELLY: Judge, I apologize. I read it

16 17 word for word. It's part of the record. I'm done 18 with the personal accusations.

19 THE COURT: Well, taking out of context, 20 Mr. Kelly --

21 MR. KELLY: I read it simply for your 22 consideration as my argument. Again, if they're 23 not inconsistent, then why is an explanation being 24 proffered at this point?

25 THE COURT: Ms. Polk.

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MS. POLK: My point is that what occurred at

2 the 404(b) was impeaching a witness with prior

3 inconsistent statements from the night of

4 October 8. That's what happened.

If Mr. Kelly is suggesting that the testimony from the 404(b) hearing is inconsistent with what it was today, I would disagree with that.

THE COURT: I see what Ms. Polk -- Ms. Polk is saying that the 404(b) testimony is going to be consistent. It's going to be consistent in that regard. The only thing going to be inconsistent is

12 Mr. Rock indicating that his initial interview was

accurate somehow. So that seems to be the 13

14 distinction.

15 MS. POLK: It happened at the 404(b) hearing. And Mr. Kelly can do it again here today, which is 16 contrast what he has said with what he said back on 17 the 8th. This witness told Mr. Kelly at the 404(b) 18 that he was in an altered state, talked about

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20 his -- his -- what he just testified to on the 21 stand.

In addition to that, he will testify as 22 23 to the effect that the statement by Christine Jobe 24 had on his mind-set that night. What happened that 25 night, Your Honor, is a brief interview with

mister -- I don't believe there is inconsistent 1

statements as much as there is information not 2

given that night. 3

4 And what this witness will testify to is 5 several things. One is that, as the Court heard,

he had -- he was right there when he heard Kirby 7 Brown struggling with breathing and has struggled

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ever since with what he did or failed to do at the

time. And he will tell the jury he's been working 9 through that. 10

The second explanation is that night what 11 is his state of mind and what is the effect on his 12

state of mind when Christine Jobe says, we just 13

talked to the cops. Don't talk to them. They're 14

15 trying to frame James Ray. That's his explanation

for that night, not that the statement are 16

inconsistent. It's that what he tells the cops 17

that night doesn't include what he has testified at 18

the 404(b) hearing as well as today, which is what 19

he heard inside the tent when -- about Kirby and 20

Mr. Ray's statement, leave her until the next 21

22 round.

THE COURT: What Mr. Kelly read to me seemed 23 to be pretty clearly inconsistent. 24

MS. POLK: Could Mr. Kelly -- I don't have --

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> somehow his pages aren't matching up with mine. We 1

2 have a different format.

3 MR. KELLY: I have the official transcript

4 from November 16, 2010.

5 THE COURT: I need to ask this too: Ms. Polk,

when did you learn that apparently there is some 6

7 assertion now that Mr. Ray -- I know it's a

hearsay, how many times removed. Who knows. But 8

hearsay statement by Mr. Ray, which would be a 9

statement by a defendant. When did you first learn 10

11 of this?

MS. POLK: Your Honor, first of all, there is 12 no hearsay statement by Mr. Ray. 13

THE COURT: Well, partly. What you mentioned 14 at the bench, if it's going to be that these people 15 16 were told to do this --

17 MS. POLK: I didn't say that. And Mr. Rock is not going to testify to that. 18

THE COURT: Oh. I thought I heard that at the 19 20 bench.

MS. POLK: Mr. Kelly said that. What I told 21 the Court -- what Mr. Rock told me in the break 22 between testimony this morning, he just -- he told 23 me guickly that the -- that before that statement 24

Christine Jobe told him that the cops had just 25 Page 105 to 108 of 155

1 interrogated her. They're trying to frame Mr. Ray, 2 and don't cooperate. Something along that line. I never represented to the Court there was a 3 4 statement from Mr. Ray. 5 THE COURT: Okay. I understand that now. 6

MR. KELLY: Judge, what I said is an implication -- an implication has been throughout the course of this trial that somehow my client is directing these Dream Team members, which simply there is no evidence of that. It's highly

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And, Judge, I need to state for the 13 record the inconsistency. In addition to the one 14 about the heat feeling the same, on October 8, 2009, with Detective Wendy Parkison in a 22-minute 16 interview, Mr. Rock says -- the detective was asking questions. They weren't having any problems -- and this is page 13: They weren't having problems, I mean, as far as before the sweat lodge?

21 Mr. Rock says, oh. No. No. Prior to 22 that everybody was fine. Yeah. Everybody was 23 fine. Yeah.

24 Parkison says, hopefully we'll figure it 25 out.

Mr. Rock says, the only thing I can think

of is that there was some type of toxic -- you 3 know -- there was a toxin, carbon monoxide or

4 something. I don't know. Okay.

The detective says, did you render aid to anybody?

7 He says, no.

> And then this is the inconsistent statement with his testimony today: Because, like I said, once it was done, my thought process was that Kirby and Sean were okay. I thought they were talking all the way to the end, and Dawn told me differently.

And my to focus was to get out of there and get myself resuscitated to -- you know -- the point where I could help other people. So that was my focus.

So once I left, I went out, I knew that past experience is you would get hosed off. You would come to where you could get up and walk around and be fine. So that was my whole focus. That's when I left there. And I quote, I had no idea that people around me were that badly off. Judge, he has asserted the credibility of

24 25 that statement on November 10. He's now testifying 1 differently. You posed a question, does he need time to seek the advice of counsel?

3 Based on my experience, I would say yes, if now he's going to add under oath facts which are 4

material to the outcome of this case, if he is now 5

going to somehow impeach his own sworn testimony of

November 2010 by saying, Judge, I didn't mean that 7

I -- I was in a slightly altered state. What I

mean to say was I was told not to cooperate. 9

Those are serious issues for a witness 10 11 testifying under oath.

THE COURT: The implication there was I was 12 not cooperating and I didn't tell the whole story. 13 I mean, that's the implication.

15 Ms. Polk.

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16 MS. POLK: Your Honor, first of all, this witness is not changing anything of what mister --17 I don't believe is changing anything of what 18 19 Mr. Kelly just read.

20 THE COURT: Okay. Tell me how it lines up. 21 Tell me why that's wrong, what Mr. Kelly just 22 recited is not different from talking about hearing, seeing these problems and -- you know. 23

MS. POLK: It's not that it's different, 24

Your Honor. It's what he recalls today, what he's 25

testifying today, in addition to what he said. 1

2 What Mr. Kelly just said about his impressions, how he didn't help Kirby, how he 3

4 thought at the time she was fine -- that would be

5 areas to cross-examine and impeach him on but not

necessarily so -- I'm not sure what the point is of 6

7 that. He can cross-examination this witness. It

is appropriate to confront the witness with prior 8

inconsistent statements. 9

10 The issue is for this witness to explain 11 his level of cooperation then and explain the differences. Witnesses are allowed to explain 12 differences in testimony. And that's part of his 13 14 explanation.

15 And the statement made by Christine Jobe -- it is admissible because of its effect on 16 the listener and why he was less cooperative that 17 night than he is today.

18 THE COURT: Well, this is only coming up now 19 because it obviously would be coming up on 20 redirect. Or actually it would come up on 21 cross-examination in all likelihood. Because the 22 pattern has been people will not answer yes or no. 23 24 They'll do something and then go into -- it would

25 be volunteered. That's likely the way it would

have turned out if Ms. Polk didnet bring it up at 1 2 this point.

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MR. KELLY: I just want to point out a very, very simple fact. I have presented numerous individuals in Yavapai County who are charged by the Yavapai County Attorney for providing false information to the police officers simply by providing a wrong name.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Kelly, that had occurred to 11 me.

12 MR. KELLY: And now I'm thinking after 13 listening to Ms. Polk's most resent explanation, 14 it's either he has perjured himself in front of 15 this court in November or he was presenting false 16 information to the police, Detective Parkison, back on October 8. He needs counsel. 17

18 MS. POLK: Your Honor, I'd like to respond to 19 that.

20 MR. KELLY: Or both.

MS. POLK: First of all, October 8 was not a 22 sworn statement. And I -- with respect to the 404(b) hearing, Mr. Kelly impeached him with a 24 prior inconsistent statement. To somehow say today 25 that that is perjury or sworn testimony, I fail to

see that leap.

He confronted him with prior inconsistent statements. And that's what he did. And to say that a witness on the stand admitting or agreeing that yes, that was my statement then, which is -that's how you impeach -- to say somehow that that becomes perjury, I just don't follow that.

8 THE COURT: But the explanation at one point, I guess, was it could be somewhat of an altered 9 10 state that made it a little different, as opposed to don't cooperate. And that's the reason why 11 12 it's -- you don't see a distinction between those 13 two answers? 14

MS. POLK: Your Honor, this witness will talk about his state of mind and being altered and being upset. He's already done that. In addition to that, he was warned by Christine Jobe not to cooperate because they're trying --

THE COURT: But he did need to mention that to Mr. Kelly when there was impeachment going on at the 404(b).

MS. POLK: And, Your Honor, if you look at the record, there is no opportunity to explain. The way Mr. Kelly impeached was simply yes, yes, no, 25 no. There was no question from Mr. Kelly, well,

why did you lestify differently today than you did 1 2 back then?

3 THE COURT: Here's what I'm going to say:

Normally at trial this is -- this is something 4

where it just -- it's stated and there is 5

impeachment, and that's how it proceeds. What I'm 6

concerned with here is it again comes up though --7

8 as just mentioned at a break, he says here's

another reason, I guess. Here's another reason why 9

there could be some discrepancies. I was told not 10

to cooperate. And that's the first time you hear 11

this, essentially, today. 12

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Is that right?

MS. POLK: Your Honor, it is. But I -- the 14 15 way the Court just said that in a very casual tone,

I think, conflicts with this witness and his 16

demeanor on the stand. And what his testimony will 17

be is he will talk about his efforts to work 18

through what happened and get to where he is today 19

20 where he can talk about it.

> And it's not casual. It's -- as you've seen through many witnesses, many witnesses are suffering, significantly suffering, because of what they went through and because of their second

guessing of what they did or failed to do. 25

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And this is another witness who is right 1 2 next to somebody, two people, actually, who pass

away, and who will testify about his struggle to 3

deal with his actions or his inactions. And he

5 will talk about how long it took him to even be

able to talk about it. It's a long period of time

7 before he can even talk about what he's been able

to talk about today. And I think the Court saw 8

from his demeanor on the stand this is not an easy 9

10 thing for Mr. Rock.

11 Part of his talking about it is additional information that comes out. And that's 12 not unusual. When you interview somebody, you 13 don't find out any detail. And this is not 14 something we knew before, but he offered it. And 15 16 clearly it's relevant.

He's not going to say I didn't cooperate 17 18 because they told me not to. But it is another factor that went into what was going on that night. 19 The Court knows that there were lots of interviews 20 going on. The interviews were very brief. Through 21 many witnesses the defense has impeached them with 22 things they said on the stand today that they did 23 24 not say back then.

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- 1 statement was taken from. He was in probably still
- 2 a state of shock. He was very emotional. He was,
- 3 in his words, still -- I can't remember what he
- 4 said. Bewildered or overwhelmed. In addition he's
- 5 had two other Dream Team members come up to him and
- say, don't cooperate. They're trying to frame
- 7 James Ray.
  - All of that is his explanation for why
- 9 today he's testifying about details not offered
- 10 that night.

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- 11 THE COURT: Another instance of we go to far
- 12 in characterizing my demeanor. I don't take
- 13 anything about this case casually, and certainly
- 14 not this issue. I do not.
- 15 Mr. Kelly.
- 16 MR. KELLY: Judge, just listen to our elected
- 17 county attorney. I believe provided a defense to
- 18 false information to a police officer, if it's not
- 19 a sworn statement. Or if a person is suffering
- 20 some type of emotional trauma when they're
- 21 interviewed by the investigator.
- 22 This issue is becoming more problematic
- 23 when the county attorney argues that the crime of
- 24 providing false information to a police officer is
- 25 justified because of your emotional state or that

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- 1 it's not sworn. You just can't exist both ways.
- 2 And, again, I would assert that either
- Mr. Rock was not telling the truth. And I don't 3
- 4 know which it is. I don't represent him. But he's
- 5 either not being truthful in front of this court
- 6 under oath in November or in May or, alternatively,
- 7 providing false information on October 8.
  - And I submit, Judge, that he has the
  - right to invoke, that he has the right to counsel,
- 10 and that we have a bigger problem now given the
- 11 explanation by the State of Arizona as to why we
- 12 should continue with his testimony. We're actually
- 13 thinking it should be stricken, I mean, if it's --
- 14 reliability isn't a question.

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- 15 THE COURT: And I've heard excerpts. It's a
- 16 lot of information for me to try to think back to
- 17 the 404(b) in November, and then Mr. Kelly is
- 18 reading excerpts, and I'm taking -- I don't know if
- 19 they're avowals exactly. I'm taking statements
- 20 about what this is concerned.
  - Ms. Polk, please feel free to respond to
- 22 what Mr. Kel2ly has indicated. That's certainly a
- 23 thought that occurs to me, that there has been this
- 24 type of information given. And because there is
- 25 someone is upset -- you know -- I -- there's a lot

- of things that can go into those considerations. I 1 2 certainly understand that.
- MR. KELLY: Your Honor, may I say something 3
- 4 very, very briefly?
- 5 THE COURT: I want Ms. Polk to be able to
- 6 respond. Yes, Mr. Kelly.
- 7 MR. KELLY: The transcript that we referred to
- 8 is marked for purposes of identification as 697.
  - THE COURT: Ms. Polk.
- 10 MS. POLK: Your Honor, I continue to struggle
- with how a brief statement that doesn't -- not 11
- 12 include full information suddenly propels itself
- into a case for perjury later. This is not the 13
- first witness who a brief statement was taken from 14
- 15 that night who does not disclose everything. And
- 16 who when law enforcement goes back, does a thorough
- 17 interview, then it all gets disclosed.
  - THE COURT: Ms. Polk, sorry to interrupt. How
- often is the reason given that and the reason I 19
- didn't give the full time is because someone 20
- 21 arguably aligned with the other side told me --
- 22 told me not to? You know? And then it comes up a
- 23 year and a half later at trial --
- 24 MS. POLK: It's not coming up a year and a
- half. His full statement came up in September 25

of 2010. It was recorded. It was provided to the 1

- 2 defense. They've had the full statement since
- 3 then. And they had it before the 404(b) hearing.
- 4 What has come up today is some more
- 5 information about what was going on that night.
- And again, Your Honor, I would point out that this 6
- is another witness that for strategic reasons the 7
- 8 defense has chosen not to interview.
- If they had interviewed these witnesses, 9
- 10 that's the time when you're not in front of jury,
- 11 and that's the time you ask the question that is
- not asked at the 404(b), which is why didn't you? 12
- 13 What else was going on? Who had you talk to?
- None of that went on. And the defense 14 had the opportunity to do it. They chose not to do
- it and now today suddenly are trying to keep out 16
- 17 this -- the issue is what is the explanation for
- 18 why he gave additional information in September
- of 2010 that he didn't give the year before? 19
- 20 That's the issue.
- 21 THE COURT: November of 2010.
- 22 MS. POLK: September of 2010 is when he's
- interviewed by Detective Diskin. The incident 23
- happened in October of 2009. 11 months later there 24
- 25 is a full interview taken, and that's supplied to

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The additional piece is why didn't -- is what he told me today, that he had been told by Christine Jobe that they're trying to frame James Ray. That's the additional information. All the other information that he testified to today was about -- was provided to the defense in that interview.

And, again, to the extent there might be a few details, the defense chose not to interview to flesh out whatever details there are. But there is nothing inconsistent today with what he said in September of 2010.

15 THE COURT: And November of 2010 also? MS. POLK: And when he interviewed -- when he 16 testified at the 404(b). Your Honor, the 404(b), 17 18 that was limited testimony. As the Court will 19 recall, the defense was objecting, and the Court 20 allowed only brief testimony of what happened in 21 2009. He was -- the 404(b) he was testifying 22 about 2008.

23 THE COURT: Well, again, without looking at 24 the actual documents and what's said.

But, Mr. Kelly, it's back to the last

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time when I brought this up. It's not offering a

full explanation, Ms. Polk asserting that it's --

the discrepancy is not offering the full 3

explanation for the difference between 2009

5 and 2010, what's said in those two different times.

MR. KELLY: Judge, it's just so disingenuous to say that this October 8, 2009, statement is not inconsistent. If that's the case, then the

9 proffered evidence is not relevant. If it is

10 inconsistent, then we have the myriad of problems

11 that I've previously described. I mean, that's the

simple truth. That's logic. It's highly 12

inconsistent. Heat level the same. Your response, 13

14 why I didn't rendered aid, as I read.

15 THE COURT: The September 2010, then the 16 distinction are made, is what Ms. Polk is saying.

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MR. KELLY: Judge, in September -- I apologize

19 for interrupting. But I have an official copy of

20 the transcript. I've read it word for word.

21 Contrary to what Ms. Polk alleges, there was an

22 extensive discussion. In fact, the entire page 12

23 and part of page 13 until the final question, which

24 was, Mr. Rock, were you in an altered state when

those statements were made? 31 of 39 sheets

. I was slightly altered.

And we're talking October 8, 2009, not 2 3

September 2010.

Does that mean that we cannot rely on the content or substance?

No, it doesn't. Because it's as accurate 6 7 as I can remember.

THE COURT: And that's from when?

MR. KELLY: September -- that's in this court 9 in November of 2010 in your presence, Judge. So in 10 11 response to why don't we interview him, I generally

take sworn testimony as the truth. And I thought 12 13 we could rely on that.

Now everything is different, and there is the added complication of providing -- if that's the explanation that the government believes, then I think what he's trying to say in a very polite way is I lied to the police back in October of 2009. And I believe he needs counsel. Alternatively, if he wasn't telling you the truth

20 in October -- excuse me -- November of 2010, he 21

22 needs counsel.

> THE COURT: And Ms. Polk is saying you had an interview that was conducted in September a couple

months earlier where you knew that what he was

1 saying right there wasn't consistent with what he

had say just a couple months earlier. That's what 2

Ms. Polk is saying. The September interview, 3

basically, straightens that out, and the

5 discrepancies appear in September.

6 MR. KELLY: Judge, I can assert that every time Mr. Rock provides a statement, which are 7 numerous, including the ones played to the media, 8

9 they're inconsistent.

10 What we're talking about now is an interview to a police officer and sworn testimony 11 on the witness stand and now an explanation, 12 purported explanation, as to why those differences 13 14 exist. That's a far different situation than 15 simply having two inconsistent statements, which

over time could be explained by, well, I spoke to 16

my other warrior groups and remembered this. 17

18 What I've laid out is -- are the actual words on those particular dates that provide the 19 20 problem. And, furthermore, Judge, in September of 2010 he didn't mention this new information we 21 learned today. 22

23 MS. POLK: Judge, in September 2010 Mr. Rock did a full interview with all the information he's 24

testified so far in this trial. The only new 25

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information is what I learned have break, which 2 is that he had been told by Christine Jobe that that -- that they were trying to frame Mr. Ray and 4 not to cooperate.

But when that 404(b) hearing was conducted, the defense had a very lengthy transcript and audio of the interview that was in September of 2010 when all that information was given.

I'll just leave it at that. I don't quite follow what Mr. Kelly is trying to argue. He impeaches witnesses with inconsistent statements. He did it at the 404(b). And that's what he keeps referring to.

At the time that witness had testified about -- consistent with how he testified today. And Mr. Kelly impeached him with that statement from October 8, just as he has a right to do today.

I'm not following this issue suddenly 20 that we have perjury when this witness testified in November at the 404(b) hearing consistent with what he's testified today. Now, not in such detail 22 23 because I wasn't allowed to ask him the detail.

24 But he's testified consistent with what is in the

full interview provided on September -- in

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September of 2010 and provided to the defense.

2 MR. KELLY: Let me be more brief, more clear. It's a Fifth Amendment issue. He's telling us --

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he's telling the Yavapai County Attorney herself

that he intentionally lied to a police officer on 5

October 8, 2009. Given that, Judge, he has rights. 6

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MS. POLK: Your Honor, that's a 8 9 mischaracterization. Mr. Rock has never told 10 anybody that he intentionally lied.

11 MR. KELLY: Judge, when somebody says, don't 12 tell the truth. We're protecting James Ray, that's intent. 13

THE COURT: And I'm -- in these situations it's necessary to look at the interest in Mr. Rock, Ms. Polk, at this point. And you're putting me in a very awkward position. County attorney. You've been in that position for over 11 years almost. And I believe strongly in the separation of powers, and I don't like to indicate what should be done.

21 And, again, I'm at the real disadvantage 22 of hearing all of this now with interviews from 23 here and statements there, two different sets of 24 sworn testimony at this time.

But just from looking at it, as a judge,

and hearing was and someone coming forward right

now and saying, by the way, I didn't give the whole

story back whenever -- you know -- no matter what

4 kind of a case.

5 But in this particular matter -- and this

6 is why I didn't. If that's the gist of it, I just

have a concern about that. And I'm almost stepping 7

aside, really stepping aside from this case, just 8

what happens when you have a witness in that 10 position.

MS. POLK: Your Honor, this witness -- it's 11 12 not new information that he didn't give a full 13 story that night. That has been known since September when he gave the full interview. 14

THE COURT: But that doesn't change the fact 15 that -- okay. I see. So you're saying if there 16 has been harm done, it's already done. That's what 17 you're saying. 18

MS. POLK: This witness, like many witnesses, gave a more complete statement later. I fail to see how that is any different than some of the other witnesses who that night gave brief statements and then later gave a more complete statement.

This witness gave a complete statement in

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September of 2010, testified at a hearing in

November of 2010 under oath. This issue suddenly 2

that's being raised by Mr. Kelly is not making 3

sense to me, quite frankly. This witness has 4

testified under oath. He's been confronted with 5

this prior inconsistent -- what Mr. Kelly 6

characterized as inconsistent statements between 7

that night and his testimony in November. And the 8

9 defense has had that full interview since

September, a month before that hearing. 10

Why suddenly is there this issue, then, 11 when this witness has already testified under oath, 12 13 has already been confronted with those inconsistent statements -- what is different today than what was 14

different in 2010 when he testified under oath? 15

The only thing that's different now is this new 16

information as to what he had been told by 17

Christine Jobe. 18

That is what it is. That doesn't change 19 what he testified to in November. It doesn't 20 testify -- It doesn't change that he's already been 21

22 impeached or confronted with the fact that he gave

a different statement or an incomplete statement in 23 October of 2009. None of that is changed. He's 24

testified under oath. 25

So I'm struggling still to see what this issue is that Mr. Kelly wants to raise when this witness has testified under oath, been confronted with the fact that he had given a more complete statement in September than he did the year before.

MR. KELLY: Judge, I didn't raise the issue. We're simply dealing with a witness who apparently is willing to testify that he lied to the police on October 8. And his lie he may not use those brief, to-the-point words. But he's going to say he did not provide truthful information because we were trying to protect Mr. Ray. That's the problem. He needs counsel.

And we didn't know about that until -you and I did not know about it until a half hour ago.

17 THE COURT: Again, I haven't seen these 18 interviews.

19 (Pause in proceedings.)

> THE REPORTER: Let's see where we left off. THE COURT: I haven't seen these interviews.

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MS. POLK: Your Honor, again, this witness -there are some things that are being said that I don't believe this witness will say. All I know is

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that he said he was told by Christine Jobe and another Dream Team member that they had been

3 interrogated by the police, that the police are

were trying to frame Mr. Ray and not to cooperate. 4 5

I don't know how that affected what he did. I don't know what he will say, if he felt

7 that he was protecting Mr. Ray or not. That's

8 further -- more information than I learned. So I

9 don't know if Mr. Rock would say I was trying to

10 protect Mr. Ray when I gave that statement.

The record needs to be clear that I don't know that Mr. Rock would say that far. What it would be relevant to is his state of mind, though, when he is giving the statement that night.

And, again, Mr. Kelly keeps suggesting that there was some knowing misrepresentation that night to the police. What we know is that there is more information given later. That's what we know.

19 And, again, that's what many witnesses, several

20 witnesses, have done in this trial is brief

statement were given early, and that additional 21

22 information was brought forth later.

23 I do know that Mr. Rock will testify 24 about his personal struggle to even be able to talk

about the events of that night and what he

personally heard and observed and that that -- he 1 will talk about his state of mind. 2

3 I'm just thinking of the perjury and the 4 elements of knowing and when somebody is under 5 mental duress, as Mr. Rock was that night, as he 6 will testify to. And, again, of course, it wasn't 7 even a statement under oath. Those are just all

8 thoughts I'm throwing out there.

9 But what I keep going back to is he made 10 a brief statement that night. He made a full statement in September of 2010. That was provided 11 12 to the defense. They had that full statement. 13 When Mr. Rock testified November 2010, they

confronted him with inconsistent statements from 14 that night. And here we are today again under oath 15

in a similar proceeding with this witness not 16

testifying differently in any way than he testified 17 to at the hearing -- at the 404(b) hearing. 18

19 THE COURT: Well, he'll continue with his 20 testimony. He can be impeached, Ms. Polk. I'm not going to have time in an hour to sort this out. 21

I'm going to simply say this: And that is -- this 22 isn't something for advocacy -- and thinking about 23

potential defenses, it's without me being -- I'm 24

25 going on avowals from both sides, the defense

132 avowing to me this is a problem. This person could

2 be looking at possible perjury issues or at least

obstructing. Well, false reporting or something of 3

4 that nature.

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5 You're saying no, that that's not -- this is not the problem. This is just the kind of thing 6 we see. And I can't do an independent 7 investigation and --8

Mr. Kelly.

10 MR. KELLY: Judge, I would, for the record, point to the transcript of the proceedings from 11 November 2010, November 16, Exhibit 697, which has 12

been marked for purposes of identification and not 13

admitted in this trial and Ms. Polk's 14

representations as to the explanation provided by 15

Mr. Rock as to the inconsistency of his October 8, 16

17 2009, statement, Exhibit 697.

Based on that, Judge, as an officer of the Court, as a member of the bar, I'm making a motion that Mr. Rock be provided counsel by the Yavapai County Public Defender's Office before we 22 proceed any further. And I believe I'm obligated to do that.

24 I have a concern if the Yavapai County Attorney, the chief prosecutor for Yavapai County,

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- 1 is going to provide him legal advice at this point.
- 2 I believe that's improper.
- 3 THE COURT: Well --
- 4 MR. KELLY: I agree with you --

5 THE COURT: I've got a motion before me, an avowal, an attorney going really on the line saying

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this rises to this point, from an objective

8 assessment.

9 That's what I'm being told, Mr. Kelly.

10 This is an objective -- not an adversarial

11 assessment, but an objective assessment.

12 MR. KELLY: I believe it's from the

13 perspective from Mr. Rock and what I've heard those

14 exhibits, as well as I've heard from Ms. Polk.

15 That's all I know. Based on that, he needs to

16 consult with an attorney. And I don't believe a

brief recess in this trial -- we have our schedule 17

outlined. We're still going to complete it by 18

19 June 23.

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20 I do realize the inconvenience to the

jury. And I agree with the Court that I don't 21

22 believe it's your determination solely. I don't

believe it's mine. 23

Trust me. I'm going to cross-examine

25 him. There is no love lost between me and

no one cares about their emotional state or the 1

trauma associated with a particular incident before

they give the false information. Those simply are 3

4 not legal defenses.

5 Now, I am not -- I don't want the Court

6 to misunderstand me. I have no idea because I

don't know what his answer is going to be. But at 7

this point in time just listening to the

9 explanation of Ms. Polk, I have a concern. And

I've already explained it. But I think he needs to 10

11 consult with an attorney before he under oath

12 provides an explanation.

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You bet you I can impeach him. But it's

14 a bigger issue than that.

15 MS. POLK: And, again, Mr. Kelly has made two

representations to the Court that I have not. He 16

went further than the information I have about what 17

Mr. Rock would say. And if that's the basis for 18

19 him making the recommendation to the Court, I would

20 suggest that maybe Mr. Kelly needs to interview

Mr. Rock and find out more about that information 21

22 rather than this conjecture about what the

23 witness's motives were when he gave information to

24 the cops that night.

THE COURT: Ms. Polk, another thing that

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- Mr. Rock, as exemplified by the November hearing.
- 2 As an attorney, I think he needs advice.
- 3 THE COURT: Ms. Polk, you're saying I should
- disregard this avowal if coming as an adversary 4
- 5 only. And as a neutral person looking at the
- possible interest of this witness, what do you have
- 7 to say?
- 8 MS. POLK: I would ask Mr. Kelly to explain to
- 9 the Court and counsel what is the difference today
- 10 in this hearing and the 404(b) hearing?
- 11 THE COURT: Mr. Kelly?
- 12 MR. KELLY: The inference is the
- 13 representation by Ms. Polk that the witness has an
- 14 explanation as to his statement given to
- 15 Detective Parkison on October 8, 2009. And that
- 16 explanation was do not cooperate. The reason those
- 17 statements I pointed out are not true was because I
- 18 was trying to protect Mr. Ray.

19 If that's the case, then he has committed

20 the crime of providing false information to the

21 police officer.

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And I've represented a bunch of people charged in this county for simply saying, what was

your name, and they give a false name, and they're 25 charged. And that statement is not under oath, and 1 occurs to me. You indicated you don't know exactly

2 what Mr. Rock might say.

3 MS. POLK: No, I don't.

4 THE COURT: Well, then how can he even proceed

without talking to an attorney? If he might say 5

something that really creates a problem, doesn't he

7 need to do that?

MS. POLK: What is the issue, Your Honor, that 8

you think this witness -- are you concerned this

witness is going to say he deliberately lied to the 10

11 police?

12 THE COURT: I don't know.

MS. POLK: I don't know that either. I have 13

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15 THE COURT: If we don't know that and he -shouldn't he have counsel to discuss those things?

17 It seems he should.

18 MS. POLK: Is that -- can I ask? Is that the

19 one issue you're concerned about is this witness would be stating that he deliberately lied to the 20

21 police? Because, again, Your Honor, I go back to

the fact that we have a full interview. And the 22

difference between the interview that night and 23

There are little things that Mr. Kelly will impeach 25

what is told later is that it's much more complete.

13 14 THE COURT: He mentioned -- well, that's the 15 one I remember right offhand is just that 16 comparison.

17 Mr. Kelly, what were the others? 18 MR. KELLY: Judge, there were two. And just 19 to summarize, one is he said, the heat was no 20 different between the two years. Quite different than his testimony today. 21 22

The second is that I had no idea that people around me were badly off, why he didn't render aid. Completely different --

MS. POLK: Can I have a reference --

MR. KELLY: Page 13.

THE COURT: So anyway, in any event --2 3 MR. KELLY: Again, the issue, Judge, from a

4 legal perspective, not this trial, is the county

5 attorney has certain obligations, ethical

6 obligations.

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7 THE COURT: Mr. Kelly, you've made them.

MR. KELLY: So if she doesn't ask Mr. Rock --8

I'm just concerned for this witness. If she asks 9

10 Mr. Rock, he provides some answer, it's going to

11 place her in a very awkward position depending on

12 the response.

13 That's -- I'm just looking at it 14 objectively. It seems to me he needs to consult with an attorney in this regard. That's my point. 15 I don't want to delay this trial, but I just see a 16 problem. 17 18

MS. POLK: Your Honor, again, I would ask what is different today than was different in 2010 at 19 the 404(b) hearing? The facts are the facts. That conversation between Mr. Rock and Christine Jobe

wasn't known. But that fact exists. The full 22

interview had been provided to the defense. They 23

had that at their disposal when they confronted him 24

25 at the 404(b) hearing. So how is that different

1 today?

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2 MR. KELLY: Judge, the difference is what he told Ms. Polk in the hallway, which she then kindly 3 approach the bench to advise us of at the start of 4 5 this. That's the difference.

THE COURT: We're going to reassemble at 1:15. 6 7 (Recess.)

(Mr. Rock returns to the courtroom.)

9 THE COURT: The record will show the presence of Mr. Ray, the attorneys. Mr. Rock is on the 10 11 witness stand.

THE WITNESS: Yes. 12

THE COURT: Mr. Rock, in listening to your 13 testimony and having a bench conference, which I'm 14 sure you noted, I had a concern about your 15

testimony in this respect, that there might be some 16

legal effect that could impact on you. 17

So what I have done is I've appointed an 18 attorney who will be consulting with you -- and 19 this would not be at cost to you -- just about 20 21 possible concerns.

22 I don't want you to say anything about 23 this. I'm just telling you what's going on. I

24 want you to have some idea.

So what I'm going to ask at this time --

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just so you can anticipate, you will be consulting 1

with an attorney here shortly. But I'm going to

3 ask if you will excuse yourself.

4 I think, Ms. Rybar, you have a separate

5 room; correct?

If you would wait there. I do need to 6 7 speak with the lawyers briefly and then they will 8 be getting with you.

9 Okay?

THE WITNESS: Okay. 10

THE COURT: Thank you, sir. 11

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

13 (Mr. Rock leaves the courtroom.)

(Mr. Launders enters the courtroom.) 14

THE COURT: Mr. Launders is in the courtroom.

I want to catch up on the record where 16 things are. The attorneys, both sides, agree that 17 18

it's appropriate to appoint counsel to consult

19 regarding the issue.

20 Correct, Ms. Polk?

21 MS. POLK: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Mr. Kelly? 22

MR. KELLY: Yes, Judge.

THE COURT: The other thing -- I, of course, 24 concur. That's been done. Mr. Launders has been 25

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1 kind enough to undertake that at this point. And 2 he is going to assist in that regard.

The process I think should be this: I'm asking the attorneys from both sides to brief Mr. Launders, give him background before he talks to Mr. Rock. And then we will just have to proceed from there.

8 If Mr. Rock feels he's fully advised, 9 Mr. Launders is comfortable and the matter is going 10 to proceed -- it's not going to proceed today. I 11 also want on the record that pursuant to agreement of counsel, Ms. Rybar has informed the jury that 12 13 they are excused and will return next Wednesday.

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THE BAILIFF: Yes. 15

THE COURT: Counsel, that was discussed. No one is disagreeing. I want everything on the record just to catch up. We were not discussing substantive matters about the case in any way. Really had to do with this question with Mr. Rock that came up.

But, in any event, I anticipate there would be a record made. If Mr. Rock wants to proceed, there would be a record of that obviously.

I'd like, then, whoever wants to --

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somebody from both sides. I'm asking it be in that 2 manner. Meet with Mr. Launders so he can talk to

3 Mr. Rock. 4 MR. KELLY: Judge, what I would suggest just

Mr. Launders to meet with us, I think, in about 10 6

7 or 15 minutes with the court exhibits. I could

in terms to expedite the matter is to allow

8 outline what we perceive the problem to be. And

with those materials and that information, meet 9

10 with Bill and Sheila, get their perspective on it.

And then perhaps if he has any additional follow-up 11

questions, we'll remain here to answer those. 12

THE COURT: Okay. I'd like somebody to keep Mr. Rock apprised just timewise. Have the courtesy for him so he's not just back there wondering when is someone going to be talking to me. So I think as officers of the Court, somebody can at least let

17 18 him know that the attorneys are still talking.

19 MR. KELLY: Perhaps this would be a good time 20 for Bob Launders to introduce himself.

21 THE COURT: We'll get there.

MR. KELLY: Okay. Just a suggestion.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Launders, I understand you're coming up here on very short notice. We appreciate

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that very much. All of us do.

Did ou have any thoughts?

2 MR. LAUNDERS: The only thought I have, I 3

don't know the breadth of this potential issue. So

I can't tell you how far I can go in terms of what 4

you're asking me to do. So I will listen to what

6 everybody says and draw my own conclusion.

7 THE COURT: Okay. Well, you can start meeting

with Mr. Launders, then, Counsel. And I 8

understand that -- well, I was the one that did the 9

introduction we discussed doing in another fashion. 10

But I think that the attorneys can accompany 11

Mr. Launders to at least be introduced to his 12

client in this very specialized area here. 13

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Thank you. We're in recess. 15

16 (Recess.)

17 (Mr. Rock returns to the courtroom.)

The record will show the presence of

Mr. Ray and his attorneys, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Li; 19

Ms. Polk and Mr. Hughes for the state. 20

Mr. Launders is here. I think Mr. Rock is present. 21

I see him as well. 22

Counsel, let me make one thing. I have 23 appointed Robert Launders to consult with Mr. Rock, 24

as discussed on the record. But I want to make it

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clear that I did make that court appointment for

2 that purpose.

4 MR. LAUNDERS: Your Honor, if I can be heard?

THE COURT: Yes. 5

6 MR. LAUNDERS: Both the state and the defense

7 have suggested that I look at previous statements

attributed to Mr. Rock as well as testimony that 8

9 was obtained before my involvement to properly

address someone on these issues. And I'm going to 10

11 ask for the opportunity to do that.

Counsel?

12 And then I'm asking the Court, I guess, 13 to say when you want us to come back and do that.

Right now I don't have the basis to properly advise 14

15 my client.

THE COURT: Do you have transcripts of what 16

17 you need? MR. LAUNDERS: I'm going to get, I've been 18

told, all the information I need before I leave 19 20 today.

THE COURT: I know that Mina's going to be 21 preparing the court testimony. The other things, 22 you're going to get that. 23

It would be on Tuesday.

MR. LAUNDERS: If that's okay with the Court,

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1 Your Honor, that's fine with me.

THE COURT: Do you want me to set anappointment? Of course, there will be a place

4 available here where you can talk to Mr. Rock.

MR. LAUNDERS: Mr. Rock and I can arrange -- I can arrange with my client where we're going to

7 meet before we come back to court.

THE COURT: I would ask that that be done
possible Tuesday morning. And then that way I can

10 at least have a telephonic conference with the

parties, with the attorneys, early afternoon onTuesday.

MR. LAUNDERS: Yes, sir. That's fine.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 Ms. Polk.

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16 MS. POLK: Your Honor, I just want to offer

17 this information to the Court: That Mr. Rock

18 resides in Phoenix and is employed down there. He

19 does have an attorney. But just to request that

20 they work with Mr. Rock and his work schedule,

21 whatever is needed.

22 THE COURT: Thank you.

23 Mr. Kelly?

MR. KELLY: Judge, we'll be available when you

25 tell us to be.

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1 THE COURT: Okay. I want to be -- well, I

2 haven't had any trouble getting in touch with

3 people. So I'm going to ask people to be generally

available Tuesday telephonically, anticipating, I

5 hope, a conference with the parties, attorneys, in

6 the early afternoon on Tuesday. 1:30 to 2:00 I

7 hope.

8 MR. LAUNDERS: Do you want Mr. Rock to be

**9** present at that hearing? He's represented by

10 counsel.

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11 THE COURT: Mr. Rock should be available.

MR. LAUNDERS: Telephone is okay?

13 THE COURT: It's okay with me. Anybody --

14 MR. KELLY: I have no objection.

15 THE COURT: Ms. Polk?

16 MS. POLK: No objection.

17 THE COURT: Anything else?

MS. POLK: Yes, Your Honor. I just wanted to

19 put on the record that the state had offered use

20 immunity when we met with Mr. Launders.

THE COURT: Okav.

MR. LAUNDERS: Those two words were

23 communicated to me.

THE COURT: You were aware of that, Mr. Kelly?

25 MR. KELLY: No. I am now. But I wasn't.

THE COUNT: Okay.

2 MS. POLK: That's why I wanted to make a

3 record of it.

4 Judge, we do have a few other issues to

5 raise if the Court has time.

6 THE COURT: We can do that. Does this involve

7 Mr. Rock or Mr. Launders?

8 MS. POLK: No.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Launders, Mr. Rock, it's

10 probably best that Mr. Rock not be in the courtroom

11 as we're going to discuss unrelated legal matters.

Thank you, Mr. Launders.

13 MR. LAUNDERS: Thank you, Your Honor.

(Mr. Rock leaves the courtroom.)

15 THE COURT: Mr. Rock has left the courtroom.

Ms. Polk.

MS. POLK: Judge, the three issues that I

18 have, one has to do with substituting exhibits.

19 And counsel has agreed to that. The second issue

20 is to correct on the record something I said about

21 Fawn Foster. And the third is the Rule 20

22 scheduling. I don't know what order the Court

23 wants to take these in.

24 THE COURT: Let's take the stipulation up

25 first, please.

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that we went back and printed better copies of.

MS. POLK: We have a number of photographs

3 Defense counsel has looked at them and agrees to

4 it.

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6 number?

7 THE COURT: Are they sequentially now with new

8 numbers?

**9** Rhondi, are they marked yet?

I see. They're going to be substituted

11 with the old numbers. What are the numbers?

And, Mr. Kelly, if you have your list

13 handy.

MR. KELLY: I don't have a list, but I'll be

15 listening.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MS. POLK: 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572,

**18** 573, 574, 578, 496, 497, 503, 526, 530, 531, 532,

**19** 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 938, 939, 940, 941,

20 943, 942, 944, and 949.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Here's what I have.

22 Of course, Mr. Kelly, I'll just ask that

23 you look at the actual physical exhibits. If

24 there's any discrepancy, we'll clear that up before

25 the testimony starts again.

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But the stipulation Phave is as follows, 2 the following exhibit numbers will remain -- will be the same exhibit numbers. However, a better 4 image will be provided for these numbers: 566 5 through 570 inclusive, 571 through 574 inclusive. 578, 496 and 497, 545 through 550 inclusive, 503, 526, 530 through 532 inclusive, 938 through 944 inclusive, and 949.

So, again, we can double-check that. And, Ms. Polk, whatever other issue you want to take up.

MS. POLK: This morning, Your Honor, when we discussed the proposed testimony of Fawn Foster, I had told the Court that she had participated in a sweat lodge ceremony in October of 2008 with 10 people conducted by Healing Wolf.

We went back and we found the report. 18 And this report is dated -- it's an interview by 19 Detective Poling on October 26 of 2009. And it's 20 Bates 0095, where Fawn states that she has been in 21 this exact lodge but during a different sweat other 22 than James Ray, four beautiful rounds. She said 23 she enjoyed it with 50 to 60 other people. She did 24 not have any problem breathing. It was not a James

Ray event. This event was held by Singing Bear 150

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And, Your Honor, when I look at the history of sweat lodge ceremonies at Angel Valley that I referenced this morning, there were two ceremonies in October of 2008. And the one held by

Singing Bear, this reference in this report was --6 7 it had -- this exhibit says 50 guests. And it was

a ceremony held by Singing -- David Singing Bear. 8

This morning when we talked about it, I believe it was the other one with 10 people. In fact it, was this one with a larger group of

11 12 people.

13 THE COURT: Thank you for correcting that. I 14 don't want to open up that argument again at this time. 15

The third issue?

MS. POLK: The third issue is Rule 20 scheduling. I thought that the Court -- vesterday when we left, I thought we would be discussing this morning -- that was the scheduling issue we were going to discuss.

And if not -- Your Honor, what I was going to propose is that assuming the state wraps up by next Friday, that the defense provide their written Rule 20 on Friday, that the state would

have the weekend then to file -- work on a

response, that we would file it Monday by

5:00 o'clock and then on Tuesday argue it. And

then the defense, assuming we're moving forward, 4

5 could start their case on Wednesday.

6 The second request that I have is if the 7 defense is going to cite to any testimony and provide any transcript references, that they 8 provide -- that they attach the full transcript for 9 that witness's testimony. 10

THE COURT: Mr. Kelly, Mr. Li, Ms. Do? MR. KELLY: Judge, in regards to the scheduling, we anticipate that we will file the written Rule 20 motion next Friday if that, in fact, is the final day of the testimony in the state's case in chief.

17 We also anticipate that there are significant issues relating to Rule 20 and whether 18 there is substantial evidence that elements of the 19 20 crime have been established. In other words, I quess what I'm trying to emphasize, Judge, is that 21 we believe there is some legal issues that are 22 23 going to take some time to resolve. In other 24 words, that it is a well thought out, well briefed and will be well argued by Mr. Li Rule 20 that may 25

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1 be dispositive in this case.

2 So we don't have an objection with this schedule. I understand the government needs time 3 to respond. I also have not consulted with Luis.

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But I don't believe it's a problem attaching the 5

complete transcript versus portions for the Court's 6

7 consideration to the motion itself.

Ms. Seifter has been working on it, so I 8 9 don't know how much reference there is to actual 10 testimony in terms of exhibit attachments. That's kind of common sense. I do believe obviously it's 11 a big issue. It's something that's going to take 12 some time to resolve. 13

So if the state closes next Friday, we'll 14 have the brief prepared. And we appreciate the 15 16 time Tuesday to argue it.

So what I understand, the state's 17 proposal is we'd file on Friday, we would respond 18 by Monday, and we'd have the entire day that 19 Tuesday to argue and discuss the motion. 20

21 MR. LI: Your Honor, the one modification to 22 that is we'd ask that the -- we had hoped the 23 state's brief would be filed simultaneously. But there is no surprises in this case. We've all been 24 in the same courtroom for the last three months. 25

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  briefing on the legal issues. We understand that
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5 We'd ask that their brief be filed earlier so we at least have some time to review it. 7 And if they're making cites to various portions of the record that we're not looking at and it's 11:00 o'clock at night or whatever, to try to track down all of their -- whatever arguments they want 10 to make, including case law. So we'd ask if they 11 12 want to have some sort of staggered briefing schedule, that they provide their brief Monday 13 morning. 14 THE COURT: And when did you suggest,

15 Ms. Polk? 16

17 MS. POLK: Monday by 5:00, Your Honor.

18 MR. LI: And the only reason is if we're going 19 to argue it Tuesday.

20 THE COURT: Certainly understand. It's an 21 unusual procedure. I think early in the afternoon, 22 say, 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Provide it by

23 then, Ms. Polk.

24 MS. POLK: We will, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: And then I'll adopt that schedule.

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I'll just say right now to the attorneys, that's
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- the schedule. The trial -- the state's case will
- be completed on Friday. That means I have to look
- closely at Wednesday. If I have to set time
- 5 limits, I'm going to do that.

6 Okay?

7 Anything else, Ms. Polk?

8 MS. POLK: No, Your Honor. Thank you.

THE COURT: Counsel? 9

10 MR. KELLY: No, Judge.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you. We'll be in

12 recess.

13 (The proceedings concluded.)

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